

## Sacrificial Lamb

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Four weeks before the election, Republicans used a politically charged House hearing to confront State Department officials about security at the U.S. consulate in Libya and assail the Obama administration's early response to the killing of the ambassador and three other Americans there.

Republican lawmakers refused to accept the department's explanation that protection judged

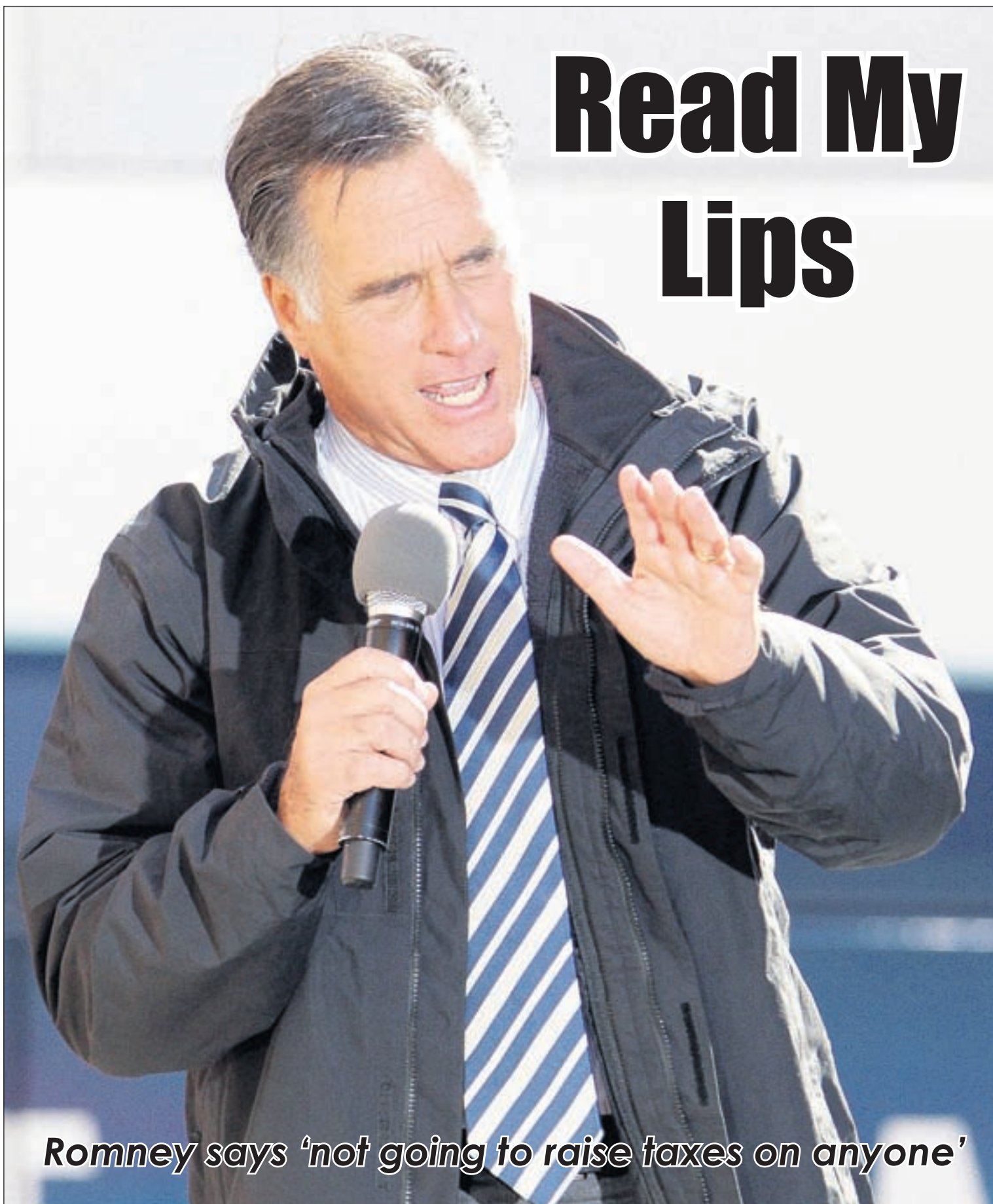


**Charlene Lamb testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing to investigate the Sept. 11, 2012, attack on the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya. (AP Photo/Applewhite)**

adequate for the threat was overwhelmed by an unprecedented assault in Benghazi on the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

They also rejected Under Secretary of State Patrick Kennedy's explanation that officials were relying on the best intelligence available in characterizing the attack afterward as stemming from a protest over an anti-Islam Internet video rather than a deliberate, planned act of terrorism.

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## Read My Lips

**Romney says 'not going to raise taxes on anyone'**

**Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks at a campaign stop at Bun's Restaurant, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, in Delaware, Ohio.**

(AP Photo/Jay LaPrete)

Associated Press

**MOUNT VERNON, Ohio**

**(AP)** — Mitt Romney barnstormed battleground Ohio and pledged "I'm not going to raise taxes on any-

one" in a new commercial Wednesday as Republican running mate Paul Ryan and Vice President Joe Biden looked ahead to their only debate of the

2012 campaign.

President Barack Obama spent a rare campaign day at the White House, leaving it to aides to accuse Romney of dishonesty for saying

he won't pursue any abortion-related legislation if he wins the White House.

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# US deploys troops to Jordan as check on Syria

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**BRUSSELS (AP)** — The United States has sent troops to Jordan to bolster its military capabilities in the event Syria's civil war escalates, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Wednesday, reflecting U.S. concerns about the conflict spilling over allies' borders and about the security of Syria's chemical weapons arsenal. Speaking at a NATO conference of defense ministers, Panetta said the U.S. has been working with Jordan to monitor chemical and biological weapons sites in Syria and also to help Jordan deal with refugees pouring over the border from Syria. About 150 U.S. troops, largely Army special operations forces, are working out of a military center near Amman, two

senior defense officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the mission.

The troops have moved back and forth to the Syrian border as part of their work, which is joint planning and intelligence gathering, one



In this photo taken Oct. 10, 2012, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta speaks at NATO headquarters in Brussels. The US has sent troops to Jordan to bolster its military capabilities in the event Syria's civil war escalates, Panetta said Wednesday, reflecting U.S. concerns about the conflict spilling over allies' borders and about the security of Syria's chemical weapons arsenal. Speaking at a NATO conference of defense ministers, Panetta said the U.S. has been working with Jordan to monitor chemical and biological weapons sites in Syria and also to help Jordan deal with refugees pouring over the border from Syria.

(AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)

official said.

The revelation of U.S. military personnel so close to the 19-month-old Syrian conflict suggests an escalation in the U.S. involvement in the conflict, even as the Obama administration pushes back on any suggestion of a direct intervention in Syria. News of the U.S. mission to Jordan also follows several days of shelling between Turkey and Syria, an indication that the civil war could become a regional conflict. One of the U.S. defense officials said the extra planning is aimed at avoiding those kinds of clashes between Jordan and Syria.

The development comes with the U.S. presidential election less than a month away, as Republican nominee Mitt Romney criticizes President Barack Obama for weak leadership in foreign policy.

Romney has said he would send U.S. troops into Syria if needed to prevent the spread of chemical weapons, while Obama has said that movement or use of chemical weapons would have "enormous consequences."

Panetta has said that while the U.S. believes the weapons are still secure, intelligence suggests the regime might have moved some to protect them.

Syria is believed to have one of the world's largest chemical weapons programs, and the Assad regime has said it might use the weapons against external threats, though not against Syrians. The U.S. and Jordan share the same concern about Syria's chemical and biological weapons — that they could fall into the wrong hands should the regime in Syria collapse and lose control of them. □

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## Romney says 'not going to raise taxes on anyone'

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The former Massachusetts governor, who once supported abortion rights, reaffirmed his opposition. Neither Biden nor Ryan had any public appearances the day before Thursday night's 90-minute debate in Danville, Ky.

Vice presidential encounters rarely make a significant difference in a White House campaign, although aides engage in the same sort of attempt to shape public expectations as when the men at the top of the ticket are ready to face off. For Ryan's camp, that meant whispering that the 42-year-old Wisconsin congressman and House Budget Committee chairman was comfortable discussing spending issues and domestic policy, but might not be able to hold his own on foreign policy, a Biden strong suit.

The vice president's side let it be known that Ryan is smart and wonky, a man who knows the budget better than anyone — but it's a version that omits mention of Biden's nearly four decades of experience in government and his role as Obama's point man in budget negotiations with Republicans on an elusive deficit-reduction deal. Not even Romney or Obama seemed to pay much attention to the chatter. Instead, each expressed confidence in his own understudy.

Whatever the impact of the Biden-Ryan encounter, last week's presidential debate boosted Romney in

gested the impact of last week's debate was to wipe out most, if not all, of the gains Obama made

middle class. How have they done under his presidency? Not so well."

The Republican challenger's new television commercial was an appeal to voters' pocketbooks—and also a rebuttal to Obama's claim that Romney had a plan to cut taxes by \$5 trillion on the wealthy that

would mean higher taxes for the middle class.

"The president would prefer raising taxes," Romney is shown saying in an exchange from last week's debate. "I'm not going to raise taxes on anyone ... My priority is putting people back to work in America." □



**New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, right, hands the microphone to Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney during a campaign stop at Bun's Restaurant and Bakery, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, in Delaware, Ohio.**

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

the polls nationally and in battleground states, to the point that Obama was still struggling to explain a performance even his aides and supporters say was subpar.

"I think it's fair to say I was just too polite," he told radio host Tom Joyner in an interview late Tuesday. "... But, you know, the good news is, is that's just the first one," he said, criticizing Romney for having made numerous claims last week that are untrue.

Public opinion polls sug-

following both parties' national conventions and the emergence in late summer of a videotape in which Romney spoke dismissively of the 47 percent of Americans whom he said pay no income taxes, feel like victims and don't take personal responsibilities for their lives. Eager to capitalize, Romney told a factory audience in Ohio during the day: "My whole passion is about helping the American people who are struggling right now ... The president says he's for the

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# Republicans hammer State witnesses on Libya attack

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A top State official acknowledged she had declined to approve more U.S. security as violence in Benghazi spiked, saying the department wanted to train Libyans to protect the consulate.

"I made the best decisions I could with the information I had," said Charlene R. Lamb, a deputy assistant secretary for diplomatic security.

Regardless of allegations of blame, there is no dispute over the tragic result. U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans — including two former Navy SEALs — were killed in what administration officials now described as an act of terrorism.

In statements immediately after the attack, neither President Barack Obama nor Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton mentioned terrorism. And both

gave credence to the notion that the attack was related to protests about the privately made anti-Islam video.

"Some have sought to justify this vicious behavior as a response to inflammatory material posted on the Internet," Clinton said on the night of the attack. "The United States deplors any

intentional effort to denigrate the religious beliefs of others. Our commitment to religious tolerance goes back to the very beginning of our nation. But let me be

Rep. Dan Burton asked Lamb if she turned down requests for more security in Benghazi.

"Yes sir, I said personally I would not support it," she replied. "We were training local Libyans and army men" to provide security, a policy in force at U.S. diplomatic facilities around the world.

Committee Chairman Darrell Issa retorted there was "as much as 30 percent turnover in the people you were training."

Eric Nordstrom, who was the top security official in Libya earlier this year, testified he was criticized for seeking more security. "There was no plan and it was hoped it would get better," he said.

Nordstrom told the committee that conversations he had with people in Washington led him to believe that it was "abundantly clear we were not going to get resources until the aftermath of an incident. How thin does the ice have to get before someone falls through?"

He said he was so exasperated at one point he told a colleague that "for me the Taliban is on the inside of the building."

Lt. Col. Andrew Wood, who headed a 16-member military force in Libya, disputed State Department officials who said the special operations troops were replaced by people with the same skill sets.

The skills of his troops were "way above the skill level of local (forces) armed with a pistol," Wood said, adding he was he was frustrated that pleas for more security were not met.

"We were fighting a losing battle, we weren't even allowed to keep what we had," he testified.

Nordstrom acknowledged in response to a question from Rep. Jason Chaffetz that while the State Department was refusing more security, his and others' pay was increased because he was serving in such a dangerous area.

Kennedy defended Rice for her comments indicating the attack was a protest gone awry. □



**Ambassador Patrick Kennedy, under secretary for management at the State Department, answers questions on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, during the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing investigating the Sept. 11, 2012 attack on the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya, that resulted in the death of U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and other Americans. From left are, Ambassador Patrick Kennedy, Charlene Lamb, deputy assistant secretary for international programs at the State Department's Bureau of Diplomat Security, Eric Nordstrom, a regional security officer with the State Department, and Lt. Col. Andrew Wood, a Utah National Guard Army Green Beret who was the top security official at the consulate in Libya.**

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

clear: There is never any justification for violent acts of this kind."

Five days later, U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice said her best information at the time was that the attack stemmed from a protest that became violent.

White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters Wednesday that in hindsight "there is no question that the security was not enough to prevent that tragedy from happening.

There were four Americans killed." Democrats on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee tried to blame Republicans for cutting more than \$300 million in diplomatic security funds worldwide.

"The fact is that, since 2011, the House has cut embassy security by hundreds of millions of dollars below the amounts requested by the president," said Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings, the committee's senior Democrat. Lamb, the official in charge of protecting U.S. embassies and consulates, told the committee, "We had the correct number of assets in Benghazi at the time of 9/11."

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## Friend describes deadly cosmetic surgery at hotel

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Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — A Philadelphia woman known as "the Black Madam" performed deadly cosmetic



Padge Gordon, the Philadelphia woman known as "the Black Madam," performed deadly cosmetic surgery on a London dancer in an airport hotel room, then used Crazy Glue to close the wounds and fled when the client went into respiratory distress, witnesses testified Wednesday.

(AP Photo)

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A judge upheld a third-degree murder charge against Padge Gordon after the woman's friend testified about getting silicone injections to enlarge their buttocks in February 2011. Theresa Gyamfi testified that Gordon gave them the injections in their room at the Hampton Inn and left when 20-year-old Claudia Aderotimi started having trouble breathing. The Londoners had no contact information for the woman they'd met through an intermediary online and

knew only as "Lillian." Gyamfi, 22, said they had had the same procedure done by Gordon at the hotel months earlier and had no problems. They then came back for a "touch-up." But Aderotimi had trouble breathing almost immediately after the second procedure, Gyamfi said. Aderotimi died at a hospital hours later.

Gordon, who remains in jail on \$750,000 bond, looked down at the defense table when Gyamfi described learning of her friend's death and viewing the body at the hospital.

Delaware County Medical Examiner Frederic Hellman testified that the industrial-grade silicone went into the woman's blood, liver, lungs and brain. He said Aderotimi died of a pulmonary embolism. Defense lawyer Christopher Mannix said he plans to challenge those medical conclusions at trial, along with allegations his client performed the injections. The 42-year-old Gordon, also known as Padge Windslowe, is also charged with practicing medicine without a license.

Police believe Gordon has performed at least 14 cosmetic surgeries, moving locations and using different names to avoid detection. They investigated Aderotimi's death, with help from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, before filing the murder charges.

In the interim, Gordon was charged with aggravated assault for allegedly injuring an exotic dancer at a New Year's Eve 2011 "pumping party" in Philadelphia, when she allegedly injected a group of dancers on a dining room table. □

## 1 dead in parking garage collapse

SUZETTE LABOY

Associated Press

**MIAMI (AP)** — A section of a parking garage under construction at a community college collapsed Wednesday, killing one worker and trapping two others in the rubble, officials said. One of the workers was rescued, but there was too much debris around the other to immediately get him out. At least 10 other workers were hurt when the roof of the five-story concrete garage fell, creating a pancake-style collapse on the campus of Miami-Dade College, officials said. "It was a floor upon floor, collapsing all the way down to the ground floor," Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Capt. Louie Fernandez said.

The trapped worker was getting oxygen and being treated by a physician, but officials did not describe the extent of his injuries. Fernandez said the rescue would be a "long, tedious effort."

Dogs, firefighters and other

people in hard hats walked over piles of concrete, plywood and metal rubble to look for other possible victims, but there was no indication anyone was missing.



**A five-story parking garage is shown after it collapsed at Miami-Dade College, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012 in Miami, killing one worker and trapping two others in the rubble, officials said. Several other workers were hurt, including one rescued from the debris.**

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

Victoria Buczynski of Miami said she saw the collapse while she was working at Gurkha Cigars across the street from the construction site at the Miami-Dade College.

William P. Byrne, president and chief executive officer of the garage contractor, Ajax Building Corp., said an internal review was being launched to determine the cause. □

## Man behind prophet film denies probation violation

GREG RISLING

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The man behind an anti-Muslim film that sparked violence in the Middle East denied on Wednesday he violated his probation stemming from a 2010 bank fraud conviction.

U.S. District Judge Christina Snyder scheduled an evidentiary hearing for Nov. 9 for Mark Basseley Youssef. Youssef, 55, has been in a federal detention center since Sept. 28 after he was arrested for eight probation violations and deemed a flight risk by another judge.

Prosecutors said Youssef lied to his probation officers about his real name and used aliases. Youssef fled his home in the Los Angeles suburb of Cerritos and went into hiding when violence erupted in Egypt on Sept. 11 over a 14-minute trailer of "Innocence of Muslims" that was posted on YouTube. The trailer depicts Mohammad as a religious fraud, womanizer and pedophile. The violence spread, killing dozens, and enraged Muslims have demanded severe punishment for Youssef, with a Pakistani cabinet minister

offering \$100,000 to anyone who kills him.

Youssef was arrested on Sept. 28. Federal authorities have stressed he was taken into custody for probation violations and not because of the content of the film, which is protected by the First Amendment.

Youssef, a Christian originally from Egypt, was convicted in 2010 and sentenced to 21 months in prison. After he was freed, he was barred from using computers or the Internet for five years without approval from his probation officer. □





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# Could pepperoni spoil presidential debate?

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — During the next presidential debate, the candidates will be pondering the important questions of our time. But the most controversial may be "Sausage or pepperoni?"

Pizza Hut is offering a lifetime of free pizza — one large pie a week for 30 years — or a check for \$15,600 to anyone who poses the question to either President Barack Obama or Republican candidate Mitt Romney during the live Town Hall-style debate next Tuesday.

The proposed stunt, which the pizza chain announced Tuesday, is unlikely to happen because of the strict rules that these types of debates typically follow. But if it does occur, it threatens to tick off millions of viewers who are expected to tune in to the debate to hear what the candidates have to say about the economy, health care and other serious concerns facing this country.

"It's a terrible waste of time for the presidential candidates, the people who organize the debate and everyone who wants to listen," said Mickey Sheridan, a 43-year-old bartender from Queens, New York, who is a Pizza Hut fan. "They should find some other way to advertise."

Pizza Hut's move comes as marketers continue to look for new ways to engage TV audiences that increasingly are resistant to their traditional commercials. It's also happening at a time when Americans are paying closer attention to pres-

idential debates. On Oct. 3, an estimated 67.2 million people watched the first debate between Obama and Romney, the largest TV audience for a presidential debate since 1992, according to Nielsen's ratings service.

It's not the first time a ques-

always end well. During Obama's 2009 State of the Union address, for instance, South Carolina Congressman Joe Wilson yelled out "You lie, you lie." Wilson quickly apologized but was widely criticized by members of both parties for the breach of decorum.

Kenneth Cole compared the Arab Spring uprisings to a frenzy over the U.S. designer's spring collection. The company later apologized.

"Context really matters," said Deborah Mitchell, Clinical Professor of Marketing at Ohio State University.

something to move past silly gimmick and become more successful brand connection, it does have to have some sort of relevance."

To its critics, Pizza Hut, a unit of Louisville, Kentucky-based Yum Brands Inc., said there is room for both serious and lighthearted questions in the debate, which will be broadcast on most network and cable news stations.

"We know there are a lot of serious topics that are going to be debated and need to be debated," Pizza Hut spokesman Doug Terfehr said.

But Terfehr said the pizza chain, which operates 10,000 restaurants in 90 countries, saw this as a way to ask an "everyday question" that people can relate to. "Pizza seems to be a question everyone understands."

John Dunn, 51, a manager of a data center from North Carolina, said Pizza Hut's question is one that should not be asked during the presidential debate. "This election means a lot to me," he said.

"I'd rather ask them a more important question if I actually had the opportunity to ask a presidential candidate a question."

To be sure, because of rules governing the debate, Pizza's Hut stunt may not even be possible. The first Town Hall-style presidential debate was in 1992 and there were not many rules, which made for a lively debate, says Alan Schroeder, a professor of journalism at Northeastern University and author of "Presidential Debates: 50 Years of High-Risk TV." □



**In this combination of file photos, Republican presidential candidate former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney, left, takes a bite of pizza during lunch with his wife Ann while campaigning at Village Pizza in Newport, N.H., and Barack Obama, right, takes a bite of pizza at American Dream Pizza in Corvallis, Ore. Pizza Hut is offering a lifetime of free pizza, one large pie a week for 30 years, or a check for \$15,600 to anyone who poses the question "Sausage or pepperoni?" to either President Barack Obama or Republican candidate Mitt Romney during the live Town Hall-style debate next Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012.**

(AP Photo)

tion that could be seen as frivolous has been asked of a president or candidate during a live, televised event.

One of the most famous moments in TV history came during a 1994 MTV Town Hall when an audience member asked then-President Bill Clinton whether he wore "Boxers or briefs?" Clinton's sheepish response, "Usually briefs," became an indelible moment in pop culture.

But such moments don't

"I think people are frustrated with the political process, but they don't want it to become a zoo," said Allen Adamson, managing director of branding firm Landor Associates in New York.

It can be even more difficult for marketers to get away with such outbursts. While companies long have used hot political topics to gain publicity for their brands, it can backfire. For example, there was backlash in February 2011 when

"Political satire is fine if it's in the context of where people are expecting it. When context is violated that's when you run into trouble." Even if Pizza Hut's stunt doesn't turn off viewers, Laura Ries, president of Atlanta-based brand strategy firm Ries and Ries, said it still will likely fail. That's because it does not substantially connect back to the Pizza Hut brand.

"The problem is that it's too contrived; it's completely made up," she said. "For



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# A chubby, mustachioed orphan finds a home

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**NEW YORK** — How do you transport a 234-pound baby to New York City? If he's a 15-week-old walrus rescued from the open ocean off Alaska, the answer is a jumbo-size crate aboard a FedEx cargo jet, accompanied by a veterinarian and a handler.

"If he's calm and comfortable, no worries," said Jon Forrest Dohlin, director of the New York Aquarium, which will receive the walrus calf, named Mitik, on Thursday. "But his needs and comfort come first. So he may very well travel with his head in our keeper's lap."

Mitik will arrive at an important moment for the Brooklyn aquarium. Situated just off the Coney Island Boardwalk, the aquarium, part of the Wildlife Conservation Society, is one of only several institutions in the United States that exhibit walrus. One of its two walrus, Nuka, is 30, an old-timer by walrus standards.

Because walrus are such social animals, the aquarium would be hard-pressed to keep the other walrus, the 17-year-old Kulu, were Nuka to die.

"Our concern is that our very elderly walrus could pass away, as these things go," Dohlin said, "and that would leave us in a pickle because we really wouldn't want to have a solitary animal."

Since late July, Mitik and a second orphaned walrus, Pakak, have been nursed to health with bottle feedings and exercise at the

Alaska SeaLife Center, an aquarium in Seward that conducts research and responds to strandings of marine mammals. (Pakak, nicknamed Pak, will arrive at the Indianapolis Zoo on Thursday.) Mitik — or Mit, for short — was weak from illness and considerably smaller than Pakak when he was found by a hunting vessel several miles offshore.

Mitik initially suffered from bladder problems and could not take a bottle, requiring both a catheter and feeding tube. But he is now sucking assertively from a bottle and putting on a pound a day.

"It was very touch-and-go for several weeks," said Tara Riemer Jones, president of the SeaLife Center. "They were treating him for a lot of different things."

With his multiple chins and doleful expression, Mit is also exhibiting an unde-

niable pluck that should serve him well in his new surroundings. Martha Hiatt, the aquarium's behavioral



**Kulu, a 17-year-old walrus at the New York Aquarium, is fed by Jon Forrest Dohlin, left, the aquarium's director, and Kayla Bergman on Oct. 10, 2012. Mitik, a 15-week-old, 234-pound walrus rescued from the ocean off Alaska, is scheduled to arrive today, Oct. 11, 2012, at the aquarium, one of a few institutions that exhibit walrus.**

(Marcus Yam/The New York Times)

husbandry supervisor, traveled to Alaska in September to help care for him. At first, she said, Pakak totally dominated him, but no lon-

ger. "If Mit is resting with his head on my lap, sucking my fingers, looking sweetly into

my eyes, and Pak comes anywhere near us, he pops up, yells at Pak and tries to head-butt him," she said. "Then he'll turn to me and

be all cuddly again. We say he is small, but scrappy — the perfect New Yorker."

At the New York Aquarium on Tuesday, Mit's future companions were gliding back and forth under spitting skies, doing graceful flip turns in their boulder-flecked pool — or at least as graceful as creatures of their girth can manage. Kulu weighs in at 1,278 pounds, and Nuka at 1,850. The two females will not meet Mit for some months, however. He will spend the first 30 days in quarantine inside the aquarium's medical facility.

"The period of quarantine might be extended because he's nursing and we'll have to wean him," said Dohlin, explaining that Mit will graduate to clams, squid and herring. He will join the exhibit next spring, after he has had a chance to meet and interact with Kulu and Nuka. □

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# Moscow court frees 1 of 3 Pussy Riot members

**NATALIYA VASILYEVA****Associated Press**

**MOSCOW (AP)** — One jailed member of the punk band Pussy Riot unexpectedly walked free from a Moscow courtroom, but the other two now head toward a harsh punishment for their irreverent protest against President Vladimir Putin: a penal colony.

The split ruling by the appeals court Wednesday added further controversy to a case that has been seized upon in the West as a symbol of Putin's intensifying crackdown on dissent.

All three women were convicted in August of hooliganism motivated by religious hatred and sentenced to two years in prison. They argued in court on Wednesday that their impromptu performance inside Moscow's main cathedral in February was political in nature and not an attack on religion.

The Moscow City Court ruled that Yekaterina Samutsevich's sentence should be suspended because she was thrown out of the cathedral by guards before she could remove her guitar from its case and thus did not take part in the performance.

If the Kremlin's plan was to

create a rift in the trio by letting just one band member go, it didn't seem to work.

The two other defendants squealed with joy and hugged Samutsevich before she was led from the

courtroom to be mobbed by friends and journalists waiting outside on the street.

Dressed in neon-colored dresses and tights, with homemade balaclavas on their heads, the band

members performed a "punk prayer" asking the Virgin Mary to save Russia from Putin as he headed into a March election that would hand him a third term.

"If we unintentionally offended any believers with our actions, we express our apologies," said Samutsevich, who along with Maria Alekhina and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova spoke in court Wednesday from inside a glass cage known colloquially as the "aquarium."

Both the Kremlin and the Russian Orthodox Church would like to see an end to a case that has caused international outrage, but they would hate to be seen as caving to pressure. As much as anything, the release of Samutsevich is viewed as a reward for her decision this month to drop defense lawyers who had antagonized the Kremlin with their politicized statements.

"The idea of the protest was political, not religious," Samutsevich said. "In this and in previous protests we acted against the current government of the president, and against the Russian Ortho-

dox Church as an institution of the Russian government, against the political comments of the Russian patriarch. Exactly because of this I don't consider that I committed a crime."

Rights groups were frustrated by the appeals court decision.

"To see these two women sent to a Russian penal colony for the crime of singing a song undercuts any claim that Putin and the Russian government have to democracy and freedom of expression," Suzanne Nossel, executive director of Amnesty International USA, said Wednesday in a telephone interview from Washington. "It's a very cold climate for human rights in Russia right now," Nossel said.

Putin recently said the two-year sentences were justified because "it is impermissible to undermine our moral foundations, moral values, to try to destroy the country." Defense lawyers said his remarks amounted to pressure on the appeals court. The appeal was postponed from Oct. 1 after Samutsevich fired her lawyers, a move prosecutors criticized at the time as a delaying tactic. Her father said the appointment of the new lawyer was decisive in securing the suspended sentence.

"This is a great happiness to me," Stanislav Samutsevich said. "But I feel sorry for other girls. They did not deserve such cruel punishment." His daughter, a computer programmer and artist, said she would campaign for the release of the other Pussy Riot members. □



**Freed feminist punk group Pussy Riot band member Yekaterina Samutsevich, left, leaves a court surrounded by bailiffs in Moscow, Wednesday Oct. 10, 2012. A Moscow appeals court on Wednesday unexpectedly freed Yekaterina Samutsevich of the jailed Pussy Riot group, but upheld the two-year prison sentence for the two others jailed for an irreverent protest against President Vladimir Putin.**

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## French terror investigators find bomb-making material



French police officers stand outside a building where authorities discovered bomb-making material after the break up of a suspected terrorist cell last week, in Torcy, east of Paris, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012. French police discovered bomb-making materials in an underground parking lot near Paris as part of a probe of an "extremely dangerous terrorist cell" linked to an attack on a kosher grocery, a state prosecutor said Wednesday. (AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

**STEVEN ERLANGER**  
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PARIS — French police investigating a group of young Islamic radicals have uncovered bomb-making materials and weapons, the Paris prosecutor, Francois Molins, said in a statement Wednesday.

"We are clearly and objectively facing an extremely dangerous terrorist cell,"

Molins said in the statement, adding that it was necessary to "avoid the risk of a terrorist attack in France."

He said the detention of 12 suspects pending charges would be extended to at least a fifth day. They are reportedly not cooperating with the police.

Officers searched buildings and garages late

Tuesday night and early Wednesday in the eastern Paris suburb of Torcy, where two of the suspects were arrested. The searchers found "components useful for bomb-making," as well as a shotgun and a handgun, Molins said in the statement, adding that the materials found included bags of potassium nitrate, sulfur and saltpeter, along with pressure cookers and headlight bulbs, "all products or instruments useful in the making of what we call improvised explosives."

Most of the arrests were made Saturday in a number of cities across France, and police said then that some guns and ammunition had been found. In Strasbourg, one suspect, Jeremie Louis-Sidney, 33, fired on police and was shot dead.

Louis-Sidney was believed to have been the leader of the cell and to have been radicalized in prison, where he served two years for drug trafficking. His DNA was found on the pin of a low-powered grenade used to attack a Jewish kosher market in the Paris sub-

urb of Sarcelles last month. Though that evidence indicates he handled the grenade, it was not clear whether he was the one who threw it, Molins said. "It has not yet been established that the two individuals who carried out the attack by throwing the grenade into the grocery have been apprehended," he said.

Jewish leaders have expressed concern that Islamic extremists have made them targets in the wake of mockery of the Prophet Muhammad in an excerpt from a film made in America and in cartoons published in a small French satirical newspaper. Police said Saturday that they found a list of Jewish insti-

tutions and their addresses when searching the homes of the detainees.

President Francois Hollande has met with Jewish and Muslim leaders to reassure them and to promise that France would do whatever was necessary to fight homegrown radicalism, anti-Semitism and terrorism. He promised to step up security around synagogues. Manuel Valls, the interior minister, said there were several hundred radical Islamists in France who were capable of acts of terrorism, and that the country's prisons were breeding radicalism. France has as many as 6 million Muslim residents, more than any other country in the European Union. □

## Yemen holds US man for suspected al-Qaida ties

**AHMED AL HAJ**  
Associated Press

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — Yemen's security forces have detained a U.S. citizen suspected of having links to al-Qaida, a Yemeni official said Wednesday.

Authorities arrested the suspect Monday in a hotel in the southern city of Shabwa, which was an al-Qaida stronghold until a military offensive earlier this year

pushed the militants into the surrounding mountains, the official said. The man was carrying two U.S. passports and a German one, and had been shuffling from one mosque to another in the nearby eastern city of Marib before moving on to Shabwa, according to the official.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Louis Fintor said the mission

was aware of the report.

"We are aware of the reports and seeking further information from Yemeni authorities regarding the individual's citizenship and identity," he said.

The Yemeni official said security forces transferred the man on Tuesday to the capital, Sanaa, where he was being questioned by intelligence officers. □

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# Pakistan erupts in anger over Taliban's shooting of girl

DECLAN WALSH

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KARACHI, Pakistan — Doctors on Wednesday removed a bullet from a Pakistani schoolgirl shot by the Taliban, as Pakistanis from across the political and religious spectrum united in revulsion at the attack on the 14-year-old education rights campaigner.

A Taliban gunman singled out and shot the girl, Malala Yousafzai, on Tuesday, and a spokesman said it was in retaliation for her work in promoting girls' education and children's rights in the northwestern Swat Valley, near the Afghan border.

Yousafzai was removed from immediate danger after the operation in a military hospital in Peshawar early Wednesday, during which surgeons removed a bullet that had passed through her head and lodged in her shoulder, one hospital official said.

The government kept a Boeing jet from the national carrier, Pakistan International Airlines, on standby at the Peshawar airport

to fly Yousafzai to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, for emergency treatment if necessary, although senior officials said she was too weak to fly.

"She is improving. But she

ernment reward of more than \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest of her attackers.

"Whoever has done it is not a human and does not have a human soul," he

"Malala is our pride. She became an icon for the country," Interior Minister Rehman Malik said.

The army chief, Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, visited the Peshawar hospital

The cricket star turned opposition politician Imran Khan offered to pay for her treatment, while his party officials parried accusations that they were soft on the Taliban.

Last weekend Khan led a motor cavalcade of supporters to the edge of the tribal belt as part of a demonstration against U.S. drone strikes in the area — a theme that, until now at least, has frequently been a more concentrated focus of public anger than Taliban violence.

Even Jamaat-ud-Dawwa, the charity wing of the militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba, which follows a different strain of Islam from the Taliban, condemned the attack.

"Shameful, despicable, barbaric attempt," read a message on the group's official Twitter feed. "Curse upon assassins and perpetrators."

The anger was amplified by the Taliban's brazen claims of responsibility for the shooting, and avowals that the group would attack Yousafzai again if it got a second chance. □



Pakistani members of Minhaj-ul-Quran Women League, hold up pictures of 14-year-old schoolgirl Malala Yousufzai, who was shot on Tuesday by the Taliban for speaking out in support of education for women, during a protest to condemn the attack, in Lahore, Pakistan, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012. Pakistani doctors successfully removed a bullet Wednesday from the neck of a 14-year-old girl who was shot by the Taliban for speaking out in support of education for women, a government minister said. Banner top center reads, "Minhaj-ul-Quran Women League, Lahore."

(AP Photo/K.M. Chaudary)

is still unconscious," said Mian Iftikhar Hussain, the provincial information minister, whose only son was shot dead by the Taliban in 2010. He said Yousafzai remained on a ventilator.

Hussain announced a gov-

said.

Across the rest of the country, Pakistanis reacted with outrage to the attack on the girl, whose eloquent and determined advocacy of girls' education had made her powerful symbol of resistance to Taliban ideology.

where Yousafzai was being treated; in a rare public statement he condemned the "twisted ideology" of the "cowards" who had attacked her.

Her parents and another teacher from her school remained at her side in the hospital.

## Russia says no to the renewal of US-funded disarmament efforts

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia said Wednesday it had no intention to automatically extend a 20-year old deal with the United States helping secure the nation's nuclear stockpiles, a move that comes amid a growing isolationist streak in Kremlin policy.

Under the 1992 program initiated by Sens. Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar, the U.S. has provided billions of dollars in equipment and know-how to help Russia and its ex-Soviet neighbors deal with Soviet nuclear legacy. The Cooperative Threat Reduction Program provided reinforced rail cars to carry nuclear warheads, high-tech security systems for storage sites and helped pay for the

dismantling of mothballed nuclear submarines and other weapons. It played a major role in preventing the deadly weapons from falling into the wrong hands while the Russian government was facing a severe money crunch amid an economic meltdown and political turmoil that followed the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said Wednesday that it wouldn't accept a U.S. offer to extend the deal that expires in 2013 without a major overhaul.

"American partners know that their proposal doesn't correspond to our ideas about what forms and what foundation we need to develop further cooperation," it said in a statement. "For that, we need, in particu-

lar, a different and more modern legal framework." While the ministry wouldn't elaborate further on the motives behind Moscow's decision, or spell out its demands, representatives of Russia's top military brass have long complained that the Nunn-Lugar program gives the U.S. too much access and information about the nation's military technologies and weapons sites.

Lugar said in a statement that during his trip to Russia in August, Russian officials told him that they would like to make changes in the original agreement instead of simply extending it. "At no time did officials indicate that, at this stage of negotiation, they were intent on ending it, only amending it," he said. □

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## \$16M worth of cocaine seized near Puerto Rico

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)**

— Federal authorities announced Wednesday that they seized 1,455 pounds (660 kilograms) of cocaine on a speedboat near Puerto Rico in one of the island's largest drug busts this year. The drugs are worth an estimated \$16.5 million, said Angel Melendez, interim director of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Puerto Rico. He said the cocaine likely came from Venezuela or Colombia, and that the majority of it was destined for the U.S. mainland.

Two suspects, Alexander Urrutia of Puerto Rico and Dioni Rijo of the Dominican Republic, were arrested and face federal drug

smuggling charges.

Agents with U.S. Customs and Border Protection say they located the two men aboard a 30-foot (9-meter) speedboat about 55 miles (90 kilometers) south of Puerto Rico during an air patrol late Monday.

Melendez said cocaine smuggling has increased along Puerto Rico's south-southwest coasts, with agents seizing about 8,000 pounds (3,630 kilograms) in the last three months.

He said ICE and CBP agents have seized a total of 19,000 pounds (8,618 kilograms) of cocaine in the last fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, an increase of 6,000 pounds (2,722 kilograms) from the previous fiscal year. □

## Cuba closes hospitals amid health care reorganization

**HAVANA (AP)**—Cuba shuttered hundreds of medical facilities last year, including 54 hospitals, as the country reorganizes its health care sector.

The number of medical installations nationwide fell from 13,203 in 2010 to 12,738 last year, a decline of 3.5 percent, according to figures posted online in recent days by the National Office of Statistics. The reductions included everything from general hospitals to family clinics, the small medical outposts that are ubiquitous across the island.

Cuba is proud of the universal, free health system installed after Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution, but his younger brother and successor

Raul Castro has stressed that medical care must be more efficient and less wasteful.

Health care budgets have been shrinking in recent years under Raul Castro, though authorities exhort doctors to simply do more with less and promise there will be no elimination of services.

Reports in state media have recently highlighted examples of waste, such as clinics with more drivers than ambulances and clinics with more workers than beds.

The government also launched a campaign called "It's free, but it costs," to raise islanders' awareness about how much the government spends providing health care. □

## Mexico claims drug lord taken down by accident

**E. EDUARDO CASTILLO**

**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexican marines at first had no idea that they had killed the leader of the country's

ganga said in radio and television interviews Wednesday that Heriberto Lazcano's body was left at a funeral home along with the body of an accomplice

criminals. We had no indication that it was Lazca," he told MVS Radio.

Vergara said authorities only realized they had killed a significant figure when armed men stole the body from the funeral home.

Fingerprint testing confirmed the dead man was Lazcano.

The spokesman also revealed for the first time that a third suspect was present during the gunfight and had escaped.

He said it was increasingly common for drug-cartel leaders to travel in small groups instead of heavily armed convoys, in order to attract less attention.

Authorities said that they were sure the dead man was Lazca, based on fingerprints and photos taken while they still had the body.

The navy released two photos showing the puffy, slack face of a corpse whose features, particularly his flaring nostrils, appeared to match the few known photos of Lazcano.

The fallen capo was an army special forces deserter whose brutality and paramilitary tactics transformed a small group of drug cartel enforcers into one of the world's most feared international criminal organizations.

Analysts say his death could set off a power struggle inside the Zetas as its relatively autonomous local cells decide whether to align with its remaining boss, Miguel Angel Trevino Morales, a man considered even more ruthless and brutal than Lazcano. □



**A tomb that was allegedly built by Heriberto Lazcano Lazcano, leader of the Zetas, stands at a cemetery in the neighborhood of Tezontle in Pachuca, Mexico, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012. The tomb is a small scale copy of a church in Tezontle, which at one point had a plaque naming Lazcano as the donor. Mexico's Navy says fingerprints confirm that cartel leader Lazcano, an army special forces deserter, was killed Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012 in a firefight with marines in the northern state of Coahuila on the border with the Texas.**

**(AP Photo/Alexandre Meneghini)**

most-feared drug cartel in a gunfight that erupted when they tried to search a group of suspicious men outside a baseball stadium, the navy said Wednesday. Rear Admiral Jose Luis Ver-

after Sunday's gunfight because marines believed he was just a common criminal and didn't suspect that had just taken down the leader of the Zetas cartel. "For us it was two more



# Finance leaders to address global economic threats

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER**

**AP Economics Writer**

**TOKYO/WASHINGTON (AP)**

— When global finance ministers meet this week in Tokyo, they'll confront a triple challenge: Economic troubles in three major regions are threatening the world's economy.

And political conflicts are complicating the problem. Europe is gripped by a debt crisis and stalled growth. A budget standoff in the United States is set to trigger tax increases and spending cuts and perhaps a recession. A weaker Asia is slowing worldwide growth.

Mindful of those threats, the International Monetary Fund has turned gloomier about the global economy. And it's warning that even its dimmer outlook might prove too optimistic if Europe and the United States fail to resolve their crises.

Developed countries are facing a heightened risk of recession, and their troubles threaten China and other emerging economies, the IMF said in its updated World Economic Outlook.

No major solutions are expected to emerge from the Tokyo talks, which begin Thursday when finance ministers and central bank presidents from the seven wealthiest countries meet. They'll be followed Friday by the start of annual meetings of the 188-nation IMF and its sister lending group, the World Bank.

The leaders are expected to downplay any disagreements to avoid jolting financial markets. But they're also likely to warn nations that action is urgently needed to avoid a global disaster.

Their focus will be on Europe, whose financial crisis is entering its fourth year. It poses the gravest risk. European leaders have taken steps to defuse the panic over high government debts and weak banks. Even so, their economies are ailing. Six countries are in recession. More are expected to follow.

Political tensions in European nations over how much

to cut spending and debt and how much to promote growth have complicated any solution. The IMF is expected to discuss whether to intensify its oversight of countries that have received IMF aid.

"The European situation is clearly the muddy water coming from upstream," said Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at the Martin Smith School of

and just 2.1 percent next year. The U.S. unemployment rate is a still-high 7.8 percent. Manufacturing remains sluggish. Workers' pay is trailing inflation.

And the U.S. economy remains at risk of dropping off a "fiscal cliff" when 2013 begins. Tax increases and deep spending cuts will take effect unless Congress breaks a budget impasse. If those measures do take

world expressing concerns about the threats if the United States doesn't get its act together and this failure destabilizes financial markets," said Eswar Prasad, an economics professor at Cornell and a former top IMF official.

Many investors appear to assume that Congress will resolve the budget dispute and raise the debt limit once it returns after the



**People hang out at the venue of the IMF meeting in Tokyo. When global finance ministers meet this week in Tokyo, they'll confront a triple challenge: Economic troubles in three major regions are threatening the world's economy.**

**(AP Photo/Junji Kurokawa)**

Business at California State University. "It is hurting the global economy."

The finance leaders are also sure to warn that if the United States doesn't soon resolve its fiscal crisis, it could derail the fragile U.S. and global economic recoveries.

Here's a look at the threats from Europe, the United States and Asia that will command the attention this week of the Group of Seven wealthy industrial countries, the IMF and the World Bank:

## — THE UNITED STATES

The U.S. economy is struggling. It grew at a puny 1.3 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter. The IMF expects it to expand 2.2 percent for all of 2012

effect, most economists think the U.S. economy would topple into recession next year. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the U.S. unemployment rate would rise to 9.1 percent by fall. It's now 7.8 percent. Other nations worry about how a recession in the world's largest economy would ripple around the globe. And surveys of U.S. companies suggest that the fiscal cliff has made some reluctant to hire until the crisis is defused.

Congress will also need to raise the federal debt ceiling early next year. The last debt-ceiling standoff in 2011 was resolved at nearly the last minute, narrowly averting a first-ever default by the U.S. government.

"We will see the rest of the

November elections for a "lame-duck" session.

In Tokyo, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner will likely assure his counterparts that the administration is intent on helping Congress strike a deal to avoid an economic catastrophe.

## — EUROPE

As a whole, the alliance of 17 economies that use the euro will shrink 0.4 percent this year and grow just 0.2 percent next year, the IMF predicts.

Europe's economic slide has been deepened by its financial crisis. Countries such as Greece and Spain are suffering from high debts and weak banks. Greece, Ireland and Portugal have already needed bailouts. □

# Activists hide out at Swedish nuclear sites

**STOCKHOLM (AP)** — Swedish police arrested four activists on Wednesday after they spent 28 hours hiding in the grounds of a nuclear power station in southwestern Sweden. Greenpeace said two other anti-nuclear protesters left on their own after hiding at another plant on the eastern coast. Nuclear power officials said the activists were in the outer perimeters of the nuclear power stations and posed no security threat. The campaigners say they were trying to highlight what they say is poor safety at Swedish nuclear sites.

The four demonstrators were among some 20 people who forced their way into the Ringhals reactor site on Tuesday morning by breaking chains on an outer perimeter gate. Fifty others scaled the outer fences of the Forsmark reactor site, Greenpeace said. Most of the activists were detained soon after illegally entering the enclosures, the environmental group said.

Two people remained at the Forsmark site even after the detentions, said Greenpeace spokeswoman Birgitte Lesanner said. Greenpeace said in a statement late Wednesday that the two had left of their own volition. It was unclear whether they were later detained.

"It just goes to show how bad the security is," Lesanner said.

She said some activists cycled into the fenced-off outer perimeter of one of the plants, and that recent European Union stress tests on nuclear facilities should have paid more attention to whether access to the plants is secure. "People can just go in, like we did on bikes," she said.

Nuclear power officials maintain that the campaigners did not pose a safety risk by entering the low-security area.

"It's an industrial area like any other industrial area with a fence. □





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ings sessions with different representatives of several existing and potential airlines partners, such as KLM, Arkefly, Delta, US Airways, JetBlue, AirTran/Southwest, Copa Airlines, AeroMexico, LATAM, Air Canada, Virgin Atlantic and British Airways. During the Conference, AAA operated from the Schiphol Group (Am-

very proud to be Highly Commended again this year! It shows that AAA is a leader in the Airline Marketing business,” said Peter Steinmetz, CEO of AAA.

AAA will continue to attend both the World Routes and the Routes Latin America networking conferences to boost its networking activities on a yearly basis. □



# Caribbean cruises leave wave of bitter merchants

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

FALMOUTH, Jamaica (AP)

— Tourists emerge by the hundreds from a towering, 16-deck megaship docked at the Caribbean's newest cruise port. They squint in the glare of the Jamaican sun, peer curiously at a gaggle of locals beyond a wrought-iron fence and then roar out of town on a procession of air-conditioned tour buses.

Few stop to buy T-shirts, wooden figurines or beach towels from the dozens of merchants lining the road outside the fence, or visit the colonial-era buildings that dot the town. Not many even venture beyond the terminal's gates, unless it's in one of the buses that whisk them past increasingly disgruntled vendors and taxi drivers.

That's not the way townspeople in the old Jamaican sugar port of Falmouth were told it would be.

Jamaica's port authority and Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. pitched the \$220 million port as a place where passengers would dive into the historic city for "a wraparound experi-

ence not unlike Colonial Williamsburg, but one that is infused with the signature warmth of the Jamaican people." Locals were told the tourists might spend more than \$100 each.

But since the industry's big-

gest ships started arriving early last year that warmth and those dollars have been kept at a distance.

"We were promised that we'd be able to show people our Jamaican heritage, sell our crafts. But most of

the tourists stay far away from the local people," said Asburga Harwood, an independent tour guide and community historian. "We're on the losing end."

Trade groups say the flourishing cruise ship industry

ribbean and Latin America economies.

A new report commissioned by the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association trade group says passengers spent \$1.48 billion during port calls during the 2011-12 season at 21 regional destinations, including a few Central and South American nations with ports on the Caribbean.

But \$583 million of that money went for watches and jewelry bought in cruise destinations where international chains like Colombian Emeralds and Diamonds International dominate pier shopping. An additional \$270 million went to shore excursions, which are typically sold by the cruise lines. Just \$87 million went to local crafts and souvenirs, according to the report.

The criticism isn't confined to Jamaica. Some Caribbean ports are even designed to prevent interaction with the surrounding communities.

In Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, tourists step off Royal Caribbean ships to visit the fenced-in beach attraction Labadee on the country's north coast. The visitors are prohibited from leaving the cruise line's property, which features white-sand beaches and one of the longest zip lines in the world. "They should allow tourists to venture to the city. This would help the local economy," said Jean Cherenfant, mayor of nearby Cap-Haitien. "The majority of the people (in Cap-Haitien) don't feel the presence of Royal Caribbean and the tourists."

But each passenger to Labadee pays a \$10 tax to the Haitian government, producing more than \$6 million a year for the impoverished nation.

In the Bahamas, Disney Cruise Line ships stop at the company's own private island, dubbed Castaway Cay, where locals work as massage therapists, bartenders and drivers and supplies are brought in by the ships. □



Street vendor Paul Davy sells wooden statues to tourists who disembarked from the Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Seas cruise ship in Falmouth, northern Jamaica. Trade groups say the flourishing cruise ship industry injects about \$2 billion a year into the economies of the Caribbean, the world's No. 1 cruise destination, but critics complain that it produces relatively little local revenue because so many passengers dine, shop and purchase heavily marked-up shore excursions on the boats or splurge at international chain shops on the piers.

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The World Bank said in a 2011 report on Jamaica that as much as 80 percent of tourism earnings do not stay in the Caribbean region, one of the highest "leakage" rates in the world.

"In all-inclusive Caribbean hotels it is common for only 20 percent of revenue to be returned to the local economy. In the case of cruise ships it will be much less, probably no more than 5 percent," said Victor Bulmer-Thomas, a professor emeritus at London University who is an expert on Ca-

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Haiti:

# Islam's inroads in land of Voodoo and Christianity



Darlene Derosier, 43, a Muslim, sits on a prayer rug at the Al-Fat-tah Mosque in Gressier, Haiti. Islam has won a growing number of followers in this impoverished country, especially after the cata-strophic earthquake in 2010 that killed hundreds of thousands and left millions more homeless. Derosier said what's helped pull her through all the grief has been her faith, but not of the Catholic, Protestant or even Voodoo that's dominated this island country. Instead, she's converted to a new religion here, Islam, and built a small neighborhood mosque out of cinderblocks and plywood, where some 60 Muslims pray daily.

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

TRENTON DANIEL  
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— School teacher Darlene Derosier lost her home in the 2010 earthquake that devastated her country. Her husband died a month later after suffering what she said was emotional trauma from the quake. She and her two daughters now live in tents outside the capital of Port-au-Prince, surrounded by thousands of others made homeless and desperate by the disaster.

What's helped pull her through all the grief, she said, has been her faith, but not of the Catholic, Protestant or even Voodoo variety that have predominated in this island country. Instead, she's converted to a new religion here, Islam, and built a small neighborhood mosque out of cin-derblocks and plywood, where some 60 Muslims pray daily.

Islam has won a growing number of followers in this impoverished country, es-pecially after the catas-trophe two years ago that killed some 300,000 peo-ple and left millions more homeless. A capital where church attendance is so

prevalent that the streets echo with Christian hymns on Sundays now has at least five mosques, a Mus-lim parliament member and a nightly local televi-sion program devoted to Islam.

The disaster drew in aid groups from around the world, including Islamic Relief USA, which built 200 shelters and a secondary school with 20 classrooms. "After the earthquake we had a lot of people join," said Robert Dupuy, an imam or Islamic spiritual leader in the capital. "We were organized. We had space in the mosques to receive people and food to feed them."

Derosier said she was drawn to the religion's preaching of self-discipline, empha-sis on education and at-tention to cleanliness. The constant washing, she said, helps her and other Mus-lims avoid cholera, the wa-terborne illness that health officials say has sickened nearly 600,000 people and killed more than 7,500 oth-ers since surfacing after the quake.

"This is a victory for me," the 43-year-old woman said about her post-quake con-version. The former Protes-

tant spoke in the tent-filled courtyard of her home, her face framed by a clean, black head scarf. "It's a vic-tory that I received peace

and found guidance."

In part, the Muslim com-munity's growth can be at-tributed to the return of ex-patriates who adopted the

faith in the U.S., said Kishner Billy, owner of the island's Telemax TV station and host of the nightly program "Haiti Islam." □

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# Jack Warner bans release of Trinidad crime reports

**JABARI FRASER**  
**Associated Press**  
**PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP)** — Former world soccer vice president Jack Warner has forbidden the release of crime reports and statistics in his capacity as Trinidad's national security minister, saying that publicizing such information encourages people to commit more crime.

"They want to make news, they want to make headlines," Warner said late Tuesday. "I decided with immediate effect that no figures of any kind will be given anywhere ... I've also instructed the police not to reveal any figures on murders anywhere, anytime."

Warner is a former vice president of the world soccer body FIFA who oversaw North American and

Caribbean soccer for almost three decades. He resigned in June 2011 to avoid investigation into a bribery scandal tied to the

FIFA presidential election, but has denied wrongdoing. Many people were surprised in June when he was appointed national se-



**Jack Warner gestures during a news conference in Port-of-Spain, in Trinidad and Tobago. Warner, currently the National Security Minister, has forbidden police to release crime reports and statistics, saying that such information encourages people to commit more crime.**

(AP Photo/Shirley Bahadur)

curity minister. Shortly afterward, Warner was sharply criticized for dispatching troops and riot police to remove a protest camp built by environmentalists.

Warner's ban on the release of crime reports comes as Trinidad struggles with an increased number of killings in recent years.

Trinidad's independent police service commission said it was taken aback by the order and will discuss it at an emergency meeting. The commission appoints the police chief and oversees disciplinary actions.

Acting Police Commissioner Stephen Williams said Wednesday he had not received any orders from Warner, and will continue to respond to requests for crime information from the media and the public.

"The matter of dissemination of information to the public is one which I believe the police service has a legal obligation to fulfill, and we will in fact be fulfilling our legal obligation," Williams said.

The acting commissioner said that banning the release of crime information "is not a matter which the minister has authority to instruct the commissioner of police on," Williams said.

Warner did not immediately respond to Williams' comments. But thousands of Trinidadians criticized Warner's decision via social media, on radio and Internet comments sections, accusing him of violating the country's freedom of information laws and in some cases calling for his resignation. □

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This is a July 24, 2005, file photo showing overall leader Lance Armstrong, of Austin, Texas, surrounded by press photographers, signaling seven, for his seventh straight win in the Tour de France cycling race, prior to the start of the 21st and final stage of the race, between Corbeil-Essonnes, south of Paris, and the French capital.

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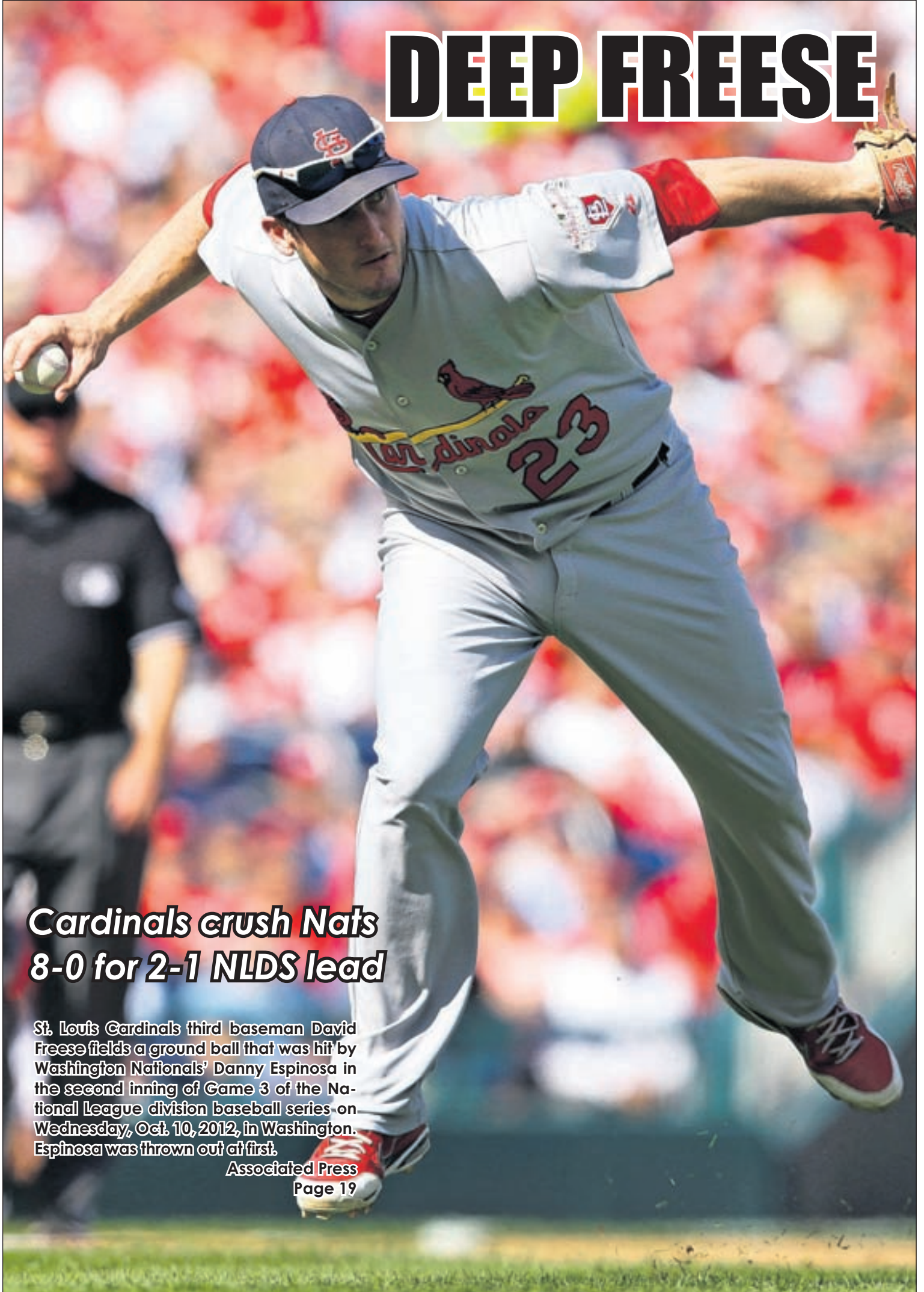
## 11 teammates testified in case against Armstrong

**EDDIE PELLIS**  
AP National Writer

Lance Armstrong challenged the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency to name names and say what it had on him. On Wednesday, it did. The anti-doping body revealed a group of 11 former Armstrong teammates — some loyal, some estranged — who each provided evidence of drug use on the U.S. Postal Service team. USADA Chief Executive Travis Tygart called it “the most sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program that sport has ever seen.” USADA will deliver its reasoned decision against Armstrong later Wednesday, a summary of the facts it used to hand him a lifetime suspension and erase his titles.

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# DEEP FREEZE



## Cardinals crush Nats 8-0 for 2-1 NLDS lead

St. Louis Cardinals third baseman David Freese fields a ground ball that was hit by Washington Nationals' Danny Espinosa in the second inning of Game 3 of the National League division baseball series on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, in Washington. Espinosa was thrown out at first.

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# Federer advances to 3rd round at Shanghai Masters

**SANDRA HARWITT**

**For The Associated Press**

**SHANGHAI (AP)** — Roger Federer ignored recent death threats from a Chinese internet blogger and won his opening match at the Shanghai Masters on Wednesday, beating qualifier Lu Yen-Hsun of Taiwan 6-3, 7-5 in the second round. Federer said he was aware that the blogger had recently issued an apology. The 17-time Grand Slam champion has had heavy security surrounding him at all times since arriving in Shanghai.

"I felt fine" Federer said. "There was maybe one quick thought. I saw one of the bodyguards outside of the court. I thought, still around, obviously. I have bodyguards every time I play a match on a center court, which is normal."

"Once the match started, got underway, I never thought about it again."

Federer saved the one break point he faced and broke serve once in each set to secure his path to

the third round. He'll next face 13th-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka.

"I thought it was a good match for me," Federer said. "Obviously not having been broken is a good thing early on in a tournament."

"You hope it sets a trend for more to come."

Second-seeded Novak Djokovic also advanced, beating Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria 6-3, 6-2. Djokovic won the China Open in Beijing last week for his fourth title of the year and 32nd of his career. He has now won 66 matches this season, the most of any player on tour. Djokovic didn't offer Dimitrov a break-point opportunity and never lost more than one point in any service game. He also served four games at love.

"Very pleased with my serving in Beijing and obviously the first match today," Djokovic said. "So that's something that I've been working on, obviously. Relying on the serve in today's tennis is a big advantage."

So I try to get as many free points as possible. It helped me a lot to defeat my opponent."

If Djokovic wins in Shanghai and Federer loses before the quarterfinals, the Serb would reclaim the No. 1 ranking next week.

Andy Murray received a walkover into the third round on Wednesday following the withdrawal of Florian Mayer of Germany because of a rib injury.

"I went to the gym this morning in the hotel, and he was in the gym at the same time," Murray said. "I didn't know until 15, 20 minutes ago." Murray is the two-time defending champion at the tournament with a 9-0 record after winning finals against David Ferrer last year and Federer in 2010. The third-ranked Briton also won the Olympic gold medal at the London Games and a title in Brisbane earlier this year. Fifth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga beat Benoit Paire 7-6 (7), 7-5 in an all-French match. □



**Roger Federer of Switzerland returns a shot to Lu Yen-hsun of Taiwan during the second round men's singles tennis match of the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center in Shanghai, China, Wednesday Oct. 10, 2012. Roger Federer won 6-3, 7-5.**

**Associated Press**

## Armstrong

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The organization has banned the seven-time Tour de France winner from competition for life and declared his victories null and void.

In a news release previewing the decision, Tygart said it would include more than 1,000 pages of evidence. He listed 11 of Armstrong's former teammates, including George Hincapie, Floyd Landis and Tyler Hamilton, as among those providing evidence that led to the sanction.

Tygart said the evidence shows the code of silence that dominated cycling has been shattered.

"It took tremendous courage for the riders on the USPS Team and others to come forward and speak truthfully," he said. "It is not easy to admit your mistakes and accept your punishment. But that is what these riders have done for the



**This March 21, 2009 file photo shows Lance Armstrong, of the United States, beside fellow countryman George Hincapie, left, during the Milan-San Remo cycling classic in San Remo, Italy.**

good of the sport."

Armstrong's attorney, Tim Herman, called the report "a one-sided hatchet job — a taxpayer funded tabloid piece rehashing old, disproved, unreliable allegations based largely on axe-grinders, serial perjurers, coerced testimony, sweetheart deals and

threat-induced stories."

Aware of the criticism it has faced from Armstrong and his legion of followers, Tygart insisted USADA handled this case under the same rules as any other. He pointed out that Armstrong was given the chance to take his case to arbitration and he declined, choosing

to accept the sanctions instead.

"We focused solely on finding the truth without being influenced by celebrity or non-celebrity, threats, personal attacks or political pressure because that is what clean athletes deserve and demand," Tygart said.

In delivering the report to the International Cycling Union, Tygart called for the federation to create a meaningful program to help clean up the sport. The USADA report was widely expected to pull together and amplify allegations that have followed Armstrong ever since he beat cancer and won the Tour for the first time. At various times and in different forums, Landis, Hamilton and others have said that Armstrong encouraged doping on his team and used banned substances himself. While the arguments about Armstrong will continue among sports fans — and there is still a question of whether USADA or

UCI has ultimate control of taking away his Tour titles — the new report puts a cap on the official investigations. Armstrong was cleared of criminal charges in February after a federal grand jury probe that lasted about two years.

Tygart said evidence from 26 people, including 15 riders with knowledge of the U.S. Postal Service Team's doping activities, provided material for the report. It was with the USPS team that Armstrong won all but one of his Tour titles from 1999-2005.

Other cyclists named in the news release were Frankie Andreu, Michael Barry, Tom Danielson, Levi Leipheimer, Stephen Swart, Christian Vande Velde, Jonathan Vaughters and David Zabriskie. In a letter sent to USADA attorneys Tuesday, Herman dismissed any evidence provided by Landis and Hamilton, calling them "serial perjurers and have told diametrically contradictory stories under oath." □



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# Carpenter pitches Cards past Nats 8-0 for 2-1 lead

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
**AP Sports Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chris Carpenter was every bit the postseason ace he's been in the past for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Taking the mound for only the fourth time in 2012, missing a rib after surgery to cure numbness on his right side, the 37-year-old Carpenter pitched scoreless ball into the sixth inning, rookie Pete Kozma delivered a three-run homer, and the defending champion Cardinals beat the Washington Nationals 8-0 Wednesday to take a 2-1 lead in their NL division series.

All in all, quite a damper on the day for a Nationals Park-record 45,017 red-wearing, towel-twirling fans witnessing the first major league postseason game in the nation's capital in 79 years.

Three relievers finished the shutout for the Cardinals, who can end the best-of-five series in Thursday's Game 4 at Washington.

Kyle Lohse will start for St. Louis. Ross Detwiler pitches for Washington, which is sticking to its long-stated plan of keeping Stephen Strasburg on the sideline the rest of the way.

The Cardinals won 10 fewer games than the majors-best Nationals this season and finished second in the NL Central, nine games behind Cincinnati, sneaking into the postseason as the league's second wild-card under this year's new format. But the Cardinals become a different bunch in the high-pressure playoffs — no matter that slugger Albert Pujols and manager Tony La Russa are

no longer around.

Carpenter still is, even though even he didn't expect to be pitching this year when he encountered problems during spring training and needed an operation in July to correct a nerve problem. The top rib on his right side was removed, along with connecting muscles.

He returned Sept. 21, going 0-2 in three starts totaling 17 innings, so it wasn't clear how he'd fare Wednesday. Yeah, right. Carpenter allowed seven hits and walked two across his 5 2-3 innings to improve to 10-2 over his career in the postseason. That includes a 4-0 mark while helping another group of wild-card Cardinals take the title in the 2011 World Series, when he won Game 7 against Texas. With the exception of Ian Desmond—3 for 4 on Wednesday, 7 for 12 in the series—the Nationals' hitters are struggling mightily. They've scored a total of seven runs in the playoffs and went 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position and left 11 men on base in Game 3.

Rookie phenom Bryce Harper's woes, in particular, stand out: He went 0 for 5, dropping to 1 for 15.

Carpenter was pretty good with a bat in his hands, collecting a pair of hits, including a double off the wall that was about a foot or two away from being a homer. When he reached second base, he raised his right fist.

Similarly, neither club could be sure which Edwin Jackson would show up for NL East champion Washington, a year after he was part of the Cardinals'

championship team: The one who struck out 10 and allowed one unearned run in eight innings against St. Louis on Aug. 30, or the one who lasted only 1 1-3 innings in a loss to the Cardinals on Sept. 28.

Much closer to the second version, it turned out, although he did recover from a rough start to retire eight of his last 10 batters Wednesday. Still, Jackson was done after five innings and four runs. □



Washington Nationals' Danny Espinosa bunts in the second inning of Game 3 of the National League division baseball series against the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, in Washington. Espinosa was called out at first.

Associated Press

# Usain Bolt's future may be in football



Usain Bolt, left, gestures on his arrival at Narita international airport in Narita, near Tokyo Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012.

Associated Press

**TOKYO (AP)** — Football may be in Usain Bolt's future.

The Olympic great said

Wednesday he might try his hand at the global game once he retires from the track.

"I have said I wanted to try football," said Bolt, the world-record holder at both 100 and 200 meters. "I always wanted to try to play soccer. Maybe at the end of my career. It would be something that I would love to try. I watch it on TV and see these guy plays. I play it all the time with my friends. I played childhood matches in Jamaica and I did well. I think it is something I would like to try to do."

Two days after saying he would like to defend his 100 and 200 meter titles at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the 26-year-old Bolt said he may still branch out to other track events.

"To find something else to strive toward," he said about his future goals. "I

could always try the 400 meters - which I don't want to do. I could try to run faster over both my events. I could try another event, maybe the long jump or the 400 meters. There are a few things I would like to try in sports that I could work towards. We'll see what I decide at the start of the season."

After becoming the first man to defend both 100- and 200-meter titles at the Olympics, Bolt said his accomplishment hit him once he returned home to Jamaica. "It's a great thing to achieve a goal you always wanted," Bolt said. "For me it was an honor. I have worked hard to become a legend. For me to go home after the races, sit down, and reflect on what just happened, it was emotional."

"It's a wonderful stepping stone in my life to be a legend in my sport." □



# Giants, Athletics win to stay alive in playoffs

## MLB Playoffs Roundup

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — The San Francisco Giants and Oakland Athletics pulled out the wins they needed on Tuesday to stay alive in the Major League Baseball playoffs.

The Bay Area rivals both put on impressive defensive displays, with the Giants edging the Cincinnati Reds 2-1 in 10 innings while the A's beat the Detroit Tigers 2-0. That cut the deficit in their respective best-of-five division series to 2-1.

Cincinnati third baseman Scott Rolen made an error with two outs in the 10th inning to gift San Francisco the all-important victory.

Rolen, an eight-time Gold Glove winner for fielding excellence, couldn't come up with Joaquin Arias' short-hop grounder, bobbled it and threw late to first, allowing the winning run to score.

The Reds still haven't won a home playoff game since 1995, the last time they reached the National League championship series.

The Giants managed only three hits all game, but got two of them in the 10th — along with a passed ball



**Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera throws his bat after striking out to end the top of the sixth inning of Game 3 of an American League division baseball series against the Oakland Athletics in Oakland, Calif., Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012.**

Associated Press

— to pull out a victory. San Francisco won despite striking out 16 times.

Cincinnati finished with four hits, just one after the first inning. Brandon Phillips led off with a single,

but was thrown out at third when he tried to advance on a ball that got away from Giants catcher Buster Posey. The Reds went on to

score on a walk and a pair of singles, including Jay Bruce's RBI.

Cincinnati's Homer Bailey made his first start at Great American Ball Park since his Sept. 28 no-hitter in Pittsburgh and allowed only one hit in seven innings.

Fortunately for the Giants, Bailey's one lapse led to a run. He hit a batter,

walked another and gave up a sacrifice fly by Angel Pagan in the third inning which tied the game.

It stayed 1-1 until the 10th. With two outs, Reds catcher Ryan Hanigan couldn't come up with a pitch, letting the runners advance. Arias' grounder then put Rolen in a tough spot — charging the ball for a quick short-hop swipe. He couldn't come up with it cleanly, and Arias beat the throw to first as the runner made it home.

"I've gone through the play many times in my mind between then and now, and I would play it the same way," Rolen said.

"It hit my glove. I just couldn't get it to stick."

Left-hander Barry Zito will pitch Game 4 on Wednesday for the Giants, who have won the past 11 times he started. The Reds have to decide whether to try ace Johnny Cueto, forced out of the opener in San Francisco on Saturday with spasms in his back and side. Switching out Cueto would leave the Reds ace ineligible to pitch in the championship series should the Reds get that far.

"It's very difficult, but it all depends on if your ace

can't go or whatever it is," Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "That's part of the conversation — us going without him. We realize what's at stake."

Oakland's runs came from Yoenis Cespedes' RBI single in the first inning and Seth Smith's homer in the fifth, and that provided enough to beat a misfiring Tigers lineup that included Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera and slugger Prince Fielder.

Fielder was the biggest victim of Oakland's spot-on defense, robbed of runs three times by brilliant fielding, most notably when Coco Crisp took a leaping catch at the top of the center-field wall in the second inning.

"Coco's catch, the ball was out of the ballpark and it came back," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "The key to that play was he was playing deep and that enabled him to get into a spot to get up and make the catch."

And it was a great catch, no doubt about it."

After Cabrera singled with one out in the ninth to raise Tigers' hopes, Fielder grounded into a game-ending double play. □

## Rain forces postponement of World Golf Finals

**BERNIE MCGUIRE**

Associated Press

**BELEK, Turkey (AP)** — The anticipated showdown between Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods at the World Golf Finals on Wednesday was pushed back a day because of thunderstorms at the Sultan course.

Torrential rain began lashing Antalya Golf Club shortly after the morning matches in the eight-player event were completed, forcing organizers to postpone the four afternoon matches to Thursday with the semifinals staged afterward.

The other abandoned matches were: Justin Rose

vs. Webb Simpson, Lee Westwood vs. Hunter Mahan and Charl Schwartzel vs. Matt Kuchar.

On Wednesday, Schwartzel birdied three of his last four holes to shot a 1-under 70 to McIlroy's 71.

"You can't really do much about that," said McIlroy, adding: "I played bit a better than yesterday."

Woods recorded his first victory at the exhibition tournament with a 67 to defeat Kuchar by five strokes. Woods fell to Schwartzel by one shot on Tuesday.

The top-ranked McIlroy has only an outside chance of advancing in the \$5.2 million event after losing by

six shots to Kuchar on Tuesday and by one stroke to Schwartzel in the medal match-play format.

"In my match now against Tiger, I will be out to get back a bit of pride and at least leave here winning one match," McIlroy said.

"I now don't have much to play for, so I would like to beat him so he doesn't go through to the semifinals and also to get some bragging rights."

"There is always an added edge when you play against a player like Tiger, and there were a few chances this year when we could have gone head-to-head in the bigger tourna-



**USA's Tiger Woods hits a drive on the third hole during a singles match at the Ryder Cup PGA golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill.**

Associated Press

ments but it didn't quite happen. So I am still looking forward to next season when we can go head-to-head down the stretch — and bragging rights from this week will help a little

bit."

Victory for McIlroy over Woods would bring him \$450,000 in prize money. Even a loss to the 14-time major winner will carry a \$300,000 check. □



## Alex Karras, former NFL lineman, actor, dies at 77

**LARRY LAGE**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Alex Karras, the rugged lineman who anchored the Detroit Lions' defense in the 1960s, then went on to an acting career in which he starred in the sitcom "Webster" and famously punched a horse in the 1974 comedy "Blazing Saddles," died Wednesday. He was 77. Karras, who had recently suffered kidney failure, died at home in Los Angeles surrounded by family members, said Craig Mitnick, Karras' attorney.

Diagnosed with dementia, Karras in April joined the more than 3,500 former National Football League players suing the league for not protecting them better from head injuries, immediately becoming one of the best-known names in the legal fight.

Detroit drafted Karras with the 10th overall pick in 1958 out of Iowa and he was a four-time All-Pro defensive tackle over 12 seasons with the franchise.

He was a terror on the field, using a variety of moves to push around opposing line-



This is a 1971 file photo showing Detroit Lions football player Alex Karras. Karras, who gained fame in the NFL as a fearsome defensive lineman and later as an actor, has died. He was 77.

## Bode Miller skips World Cup opener in Austria



Bode Miller, of the United States, smiles as he stands on the podium after completing an alpine ski, men's World Cup downhill, in Chamonix, France, in this Friday, Feb. 3, 2012 file photo.

Associated Press

**SOELDEN, Austria (AP)** — Bode Miller is skipping the opening race of the World Cup season in Austria on Oct. 28 to rest the left knee he had surgery on eight months ago, according to his equipment supplier. Soelden is no option for Miller, Head's race director Rainer Salzgeber told the Austria Press Agency on Wednesday. "He has not been able to practice a single giant slalom turn so far."

A winner of 33 World Cup races, Miller had to cut his last season short in February to have a second operation on the knee. While there was no structural damage, he had been unable to put much weight on it.

Salzgeber said the two-time overall World Cup champion will travel to the Austrian ski resort for training, but won't compete until the speed races in Lake Louise, Alberta, on Nov 24-25.

"He needs some more time," said Salzgeber, adding that Miller, who turns 35 on Friday, was not thinking about retirement and hoped to race at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Russia. "It looks like this will not be his last season," Salzgeber said. "He is looking forward to Sochi."

Race organizers at Soelden were not immediately available for comment. □

men and get into the backfield. His Lions handed the powerful 1962 Green Bay Packers their only defeat that season, a 26-14 upset during which they harassed quarterback Bart Starr constantly.

Packers guard Jerry Kramer wrote in his diary of the 1967 season about his trepidation over having to play Karras.

"I'm thinking about him every minute," Kramer wrote. For all his prowess on the field, Karras may have gained more fame when he turned to acting in the movies and on television. Playing a not-so-bright bruiser in Mel Brooks' "Blazing Saddles," he not only slugged a horse but also delivered the classic line: "Mongo only pawn in game of life."

Several years before that, Karras had already become a bit of a celebrity through George Plimpton's behind-the-scenes book about what it was like to be an NFL player in the Motor City, "Paper Lion: Confessions of a Second-string Quarterback."

In the 1980s, he played a sheriff in the comedy "Porky's" and became a hit on the small screen as Emmanuel Lewis' adoptive father, George Papadapolis, in the sitcom "Webster."

"Perhaps no player in Lions history attained as much success and notoriety for what he did after his playing days as did Alex," Li-

ons president Tom Lewand said.

Recently, his wife said Karras' quality of life has deteriorated because of head injuries sustained during his playing career.

Susan Clark said earlier this year that her husband couldn't drive after loving to get behind the wheel and couldn't remember recipes for some of the favorite Italian and Greek dishes he used to cook.

"This physical beating that he took as a football player has impacted his life, and therefore it has impacted his family life," Clark told The Associated Press earlier this year.

"He is interested in making the game of football safer and hoping that other families of retired players will have a healthier and happier retirement." □

Clark, who also played the wife of Karras' loveable character on "Webster," has said he was formally diagnosed with dementia several years ago and has had symptoms for more than a dozen years. He joined hundreds of other former players suing the league.

"It's the same thing as back in the gladiator days when the gladiators fought to death," Mitnick, who represents Karras and hundreds of others in the suit, has said. "Fans care about these guys when they're playing and they are heroes." □



# Pepsi, Coke to post calories of drinks in vending machines

**STEPHANIE STROM**

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Big beverage makers including Pepsico and Coca-Cola are retooling their vending machines to let consumers know the number of calories in the drinks they would buy.

The program, which will add calorie counts and more low-calorie and no-calorie drinks to vending machines, will first appear in municipal buildings in Chicago and San Antonio early next year. It represents the latest effort by the industry to head off mounting criticism of its products as one of the chief villains responsible for the nation's obesity crisis. The American Beverage Association's plan is to take its effort, called Calories Count, nationwide after seeing how it works in the two cities, whose government employees are engaged in a competition to promote wellness programs, the industry group and the cities announced Monday. The beverage association had been working on plans to add calorie counts to its vending machines when Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel called looking for a grant from the association to support a wellness challenge he wanted to mount with another city. Emanuel is trying to lower



**A depiction of how the calorie counts would appear on soda vending machines in an undated handout photo. The two big soda companies, often criticized for producing drinks that are too sugary, will post the figures first in San Antonio and Chicago and later nationwide. (America Beverage Association via The New York Times) -- A depiction of how the calorie counts would appear on soda vending machines in an undated handout photo. The two big soda companies, often criticized for producing drinks that are too sugary, will post the figures first in San Antonio and Chicago and later nationwide.**

(America Beverage Association via The New York Times)

Chicago's health care costs by encouraging municipal employees to sign up for a new health care plan that requires them to set goals for their health.

The cities are vying to see whose workers can make the greatest progress in improving their overall health, determined by a variety of factors, from weight loss to lowering blood pressure. The winning city will receive \$5 million from the beverage association foundation, and employees can win \$1,000 for making the biggest improvements in their health.

"We believe partnerships like this — those which involve government, industry and civil society — can have a meaningful impact on the obesity issue," Steven A. Cahillane, president and chief executive of Coca-Cola Refreshments, said in a statement. The unit is responsible for Coca-Cola's vending machine business. Critics of the soda companies generally applauded the announcement. "People tend to overconsume products with sugar and for these companies to be doing something that may decrease consumption of their sugared beverages surprises me," said Kelly D. Brownell, director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at Yale Uni-

versity. "But it does seem to me to be a positive move." Sales of carbonated sodas have been declining for the last decade, as American consumers have embraced new choices of beverages and, more recently, become more aware of how much sugar they contain. Coke and Pepsi have greatly expanded their portfolios, adding bottled waters, juices and sports drinks that have helped reduce their reliance on their core brands, though they still defend them. In a note Monday morning, John Sicher, the publisher of Beverage Digest, an influential trade publication, said he thought the new effort might be a way to get consumers to drink more of their low-calorie and no-calorie drinks.

Sicher said sales through vending machines accounted for 12.5 percent of the total volume of carbonated soda sold annually. The trend toward calorie disclosure is under way nationally at fast food and other chain restaurants. All restaurants with more than 20 locations must post calorie counts on their menus, under the health care bill upheld this summer by the U.S. Supreme Court, though the regulations have not been finalized. □

## New flu intradermal vaccine has smaller needle

**Cindy George**

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There are few reasons to skip your flu vaccine and fear that the shot might hurt really shouldn't be one of them this year.

The new-in-2011 intradermal vaccine, an into-the-skin flu shot, has a smaller needle that makes the injection hurt less (though there may be pain later). Other options include a high-dose shot for those 65 and older and a nasal spray for healthy folks 2 to 49. Some children from 6 months to 8 may require two doses for a full immune response.

So with no vaccine short-

age, no priority list and minimal expense paired with well-stocked pharmacies, grocery stores, clinics and doctor's offices, 2012 begins the flu season of no excuses.

Flu strains that circulated in the Southern Hemisphere influenced the contents of the U.S. vaccine, which includes the 2009 H1N1 plus new Influenza A and Influenza B variants.

"I predict this flu season is going to be much worse than last year because we haven't seen these two strains recently," said Dr. Joshua Septimus, a clinical associate professor of internal medicine at The Meth-

odist Hospital. "I am certainly concerned that people aren't going to take this year's flu season seriously

because last year's was so mild."

Dr. Carol Baker, executive director of the Texas Chil-



**The new-in-2011 intradermal vaccine, an into-the-skin flu shot, has a smaller needle that makes the injection hurt less (though there may be pain later).**

(Photo)

dren's Hospital Center for Vaccine Awareness and Research, said new bugs are among the reasons why people should protect themselves with an immunization every year.

"The one thing we can predict with absolute certainty is that influenza is always different and the viruses are constantly changing," she said. "The fact that we have two new strains circulating means that it may be a very bad season."

The push for universal vaccination continues after the 2009 H1N1 "swine flu" pandemic was followed by two comparatively normal years of illness. □





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# Redefining medicine with apps and iPads

**Katie Hafner**

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**SAN FRANCISCO** — Dr. Alvin Rajkomar was doing rounds with his team at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center when he came upon a puzzling case: a frail, elderly patient with a dangerously low sodium level.

As a third-year resident in internal medicine, Rajkomar was the senior member of the team, and the others looked to him for guidance. An infusion of saline was the answer, but the tricky part lay in the details. Concentration? Volume? Improper treatment could lead to brain swelling, seizures or even death. Rajkomar had been on call for 24 hours and was exhausted, but the clinical uncertainty was “like a shot of adrenaline,” he said. He reached into a deep pocket of his white coat and produced not a well-thumbed handbook but his iPhone.

With a tap on an app called MedCalc, he had enough answers within a minute to start the saline at precisely the right rate.

The history of medicine is defined by advances born of bioscience. But never before has it been driven to this degree by digital technology.

The proliferation of gadgets, apps and Web-based information has given clinicians — especially young ones like Rajkomar, who is 28 — a black bag of new tools: new ways to diagnose symptoms and treat patients, to obtain and share information, to think about what it means to be both a doctor and a pa-

tient.

And it has created something of a generational divide. Older doctors admire, even envy, their young colleagues' ease with new technology. But they worry that the human connections that lie at the core of medical practice are at risk of being lost.

“Just adding an app won't necessarily make people better doctors or more caring clinicians,” said Dr. Paul C. Tang, chief innovation and technology officer at Palo Alto Medical Foundation in Palo Alto, Calif. “What we need to learn is how to use technology to be better, more humane professionals.”

## OLD SCHOOL SKILLS

Dr. Paul A. Heineken, 66, a primary care physician, is a revered figure at the San Francisco VA Medical Center. He is part of a generation that shared long-standing assumptions about the way medicine is practiced: Physicians are the unambiguous source of medical knowledge; notes and orders are written in paper records while standing at the nurses' station; and X-rays are film placed on light boxes and viewed over a radiologist's shoulder.

One recent morning, while leading trainees through the hospital, Heineken faced the task of every teacher of medicine — using the gravely ill to impart knowledge.

The team arrived at the room of a 90-year-old World War II veteran who was dying — a ghost of a man, his face etched with pain, the veins in his neck protruding from the pressure of his failing heart.

Heineken apologized for

the intrusion, and the patient forced a smile. The doctor knelt at the bedside to perform the time-honored tradition of percussing the heart.

“Do it like this,” he said, placing his left hand over the man's heart and tapping its middle finger with the middle finger of his right.

One by one, each trainee took a turn. An X-ray or echocardiogram would do the job more accurately. But Heineken wanted the students to experience discovering an enlarged heart in a physical exam.

Heineken fills his teaching days with similar lessons, which can mean struggling upstream against a current of technology. Through his career, he has seen the advent of CT scans, ultrasounds, MRIs and countless new lab tests. He has watched peers turn their backs on patients while struggling with a new computer system, or rush patients through their appointments while forgetting the most fundamental tools — their eyes and ears.

For these reasons, he makes a point of requiring something old-fashioned of his trainees.

“I tell them that their first reflex should be to look at the patient, not the computer,” Heineken said.

And he tells the team to return to each patient's bedside at day's end.

“I say, ‘Don't go to a computer; go back to the room, sit down and listen to them. And don't look like you're in a hurry.’”

One reason for this, Heineken said, is to adjust treatment recommendations based on the patient's own priorities.



**Dr. Alvin Rajkomar, a third-year resident in internal medicine, shows an app he uses during his practice in San Francisco, Oct. 3, 2012.**

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)



**The proliferation of gadgets, apps and web-based information has given clinicians new tools to diagnose symptoms and decide treatments, to obtain and share information. (Mirko Illic/The New York Times)**

“Any difficult clinical decision is made easier after discussing it with the patient,” he said.

It is not that he opposes digital technology; Heineken has been using the Department of Veterans Affairs' computerized patient record system since it was introduced 15 years ago. Still, his cellphone is an old flip model. He can receive text messages but isn't exactly sure how to retrieve them, and he has yet to send one.

His first appointment one recent day was with Eric

Conrad, a 65-year-old Vietnam veteran with severe emphysema. First came a conversation. Heineken had his patient sit on a chair next to his desk. Despondent, the patient looked down at his battered Reeboks, his breaths shallow and labored.

Heineken has been seeing Conrad since 1993, and since then, he said, “we've been fighting a saw-tooth battle with his weight.”

In an instant, the computer generated a chart showing the jagged history of weight successfully gained, then lost. Heineken pivoted the computer screen so the patient could see a steady gain in recent months.

“It's looking a lot better than it has,” he said.

Conrad's face brightened slightly.

Then Heineken turned his back to the computer and sat so close to the patient that they were knee to knee. Conrad drilled his gaze into his physician's eyes, looking for answers.

It was not until Heineken was ready to listen to Conrad's lungs that he asked him to move to the examining table. □



# Dow falls 128, with Chevron and Alcoa leading way

**MATTHEW CRAFT**  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Downbeat reports from Alcoa and Chevron at the start of corporate earnings season pulled stock indexes lower for a third straight day Wednesday. The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 128 points, its steepest loss since late June.

Alcoa, the aluminum producer, beat Wall Street's earnings estimates on Tuesday night but said it expects a slowdown in China to weaken demand for aluminum. Its stock fell 42 cents Wednesday to \$8.71. The company is often used as a weather vane for the global economy. "And judging by Alcoa's massive inventory of aluminum, it seems pretty anemic," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank. Chevron, the second-largest U.S. oil company, warned late Tuesday that slumping oil prices and production would cause earnings to be "substantially lower." It blamed Hurricane Isaac for disrupting production at a Mississippi refinery. On Tuesday, the Supreme Court also refused to block a \$19 billion judgment levied against Chevron by an Ecuadorian court for polluting the Amazon. Chevron's stock sank \$4.91 to \$112.45.

The Dow fell 128.56 points to close at 13,344.97, just shy of 1 percent, its fourth

straight drop and the largest point decline since June 25. Chevron alone pulled the Dow down 38 points. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 8.92 points to 1,432.56.



gasoline prices starting at \$5.50 per gallon in downtown Los Angeles. Shares of Chevron Corp. plunged Wednesday after the oil giant said its third-quarter earnings are expected to be "substantially lower" than in the second quarter.

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

Alcoa and Chevron's results were an unpromising start to the third-quarter earnings parade, said JJ Kinahan, chief derivatives strategist at Ameritrade. "It's beginning to look like we might

have a lot of gloom-and-doom earnings calls this quarter," he said.

Of the 10 industry groups within the S&P 500, all but financials fell. Energy and materials stocks, whose fortunes hinge on economic growth, slumped the most. Bank stocks ended the day flat.

In other trading, the Nasdaq lost 13.24 points to 3,051.78. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury slipped to 1.68 percent, down from 1.71 percent late Tuesday.

In one of the few economic reports out Wednesday, the Federal Reserve said the U.S. economy "expanded modestly" from mid-August through September. The survey, known as the Beige Book, pointed to improvements in housing car sales, manufacturing and the hous-

ing market. Employment and consumer spending, however, remained mostly flat. Wal-Mart Stores surged \$1.28 to \$75.42, and earlier touched an all-time high of \$76.81. The president of its U.S. division told Wall Street analysts that the retail giant plans to open more small-scale stores, including its Express chain, to compete with discount retailers and drugstore chains.

Alcoa's earnings report marks the unofficial start to the quarterly earnings season, expected to be the worst in three years. Analysts project that companies in the S&P 500 will say third-quarter earnings shrank 1 percent compared with the same quarter of last year.

Ablin said investors need solid reasons to buy stocks now, given the stock market's strong run this year. □

## Yum Brands upbeat about China division

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Associated Press  
LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP)

— The owner of the Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and KFC chains predicted Wednesday its fast-growing China business will serve up another round of strong profit growth next year despite a slowing economy in its most important overseas market. Yum Brands Inc. executives also foreshadowed more menu rollouts in the coming year at its flourishing Taco

Bell business in the U.S. The Mexican-style chain has seen its sales grow on the popularity of its Doritos Locos Tacos, with shells made out of Nacho Cheese Doritos, followed by a rollout of more upscale food created by celebrity chef Lorena Garcia. Yum's stock rose more than 8 percent to \$71 in afternoon trading.

One day after reporting a quick profit turnaround in its China division, Yum executives said they're confident

of achieving 15 percent profit growth in China next year, driven partly by a record pace of restaurant openings and new product introductions.

"Our China business is having another strong year," Yum Chairman and CEO David C. Novak told industry analysts Wednesday. "But as I've said before, China is going to have its inevitable ups and downs. ... We now face a slowing economy. But that doesn't

change our long-term outlook in China one iota. Our annual performance has been pretty consistent, and I expect this to continue." China's economic growth fell to 7.6 percent in the three months ended in June. That's robust by the standards of the United States and Japan, where growth this year is forecast in low single digits. Analysts are forecasting a rebound in China late this year or in early 2013. □

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A FedEx delivery truck is seen at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield, Ill. FedEx Corp. says the global economy is worsening and it's cutting its forecast for the fiscal year ending in May. The world's second largest package delivery company says profit in the current quarter will be well below year ago results. (AP Photo/Seth Perlman)

**Fed:**

## Housing lifts growth in most U.S. regions

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
**AP Economics Writer**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Stronger housing markets helped boost economic growth at the end of the summer in nearly every region of the United States, according to a Federal Reserve survey released Wednesday. The Fed said growth improved in 10 of its 12 regional banking districts from mid-August through September, while leveling off in one region and slowing in another. Rising home sales helped lift home prices in most districts. The report, known formally as the Beige Book, also cited an increase in auto sales in most parts of the country. Still, consumer spending was flat or up only slightly in

most districts. Manufacturing activity was mixed, with half of the districts reporting slight improvement since the previous Fed report. And hiring was unchanged in most districts. Sal Gavatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said the August report represents a subtle shift in the central bank's outlook. The economy improved to growing "modestly," he noted, from growing only "gradually" in the previous report. The Beige Book provides anecdotal information on business conditions around the U.S. The information collected by the Fed's 12 regional banks will be used as the basis for the Fed's policy discussion at the Oct. 23-24 meeting. □

## Investors get 1<sup>st</sup> look at big FedEx cost cut plan

**SAMANTHA BOMKAMP**  
**AP Business Writer**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Investors are driving up shares of FedEx Corp. after the world's

al economic conditions. Smith said a voluntary buy-out program announced in August should reduce "fixed head count by sev-

FedEx has been disposing of older aircraft and reducing flights to reduce the unit's costs. Express reported revenue of \$26.5 billion in the latest fiscal year and has more than 146,000 employees worldwide — roughly two-thirds of those are in the U.S.

Services is FedEx's behind-the-scenes logistics division, but it also includes FedEx Office, formerly Kinko's. It was formed in 2000 and with annual revenue of \$1.7 billion in fiscal 2012, is one of FedEx's smallest units. It has 13,000 employees, all based in the U.S.

Some of the money will be saved through improved technology that allows FedEx to streamline its staff and operations, Smith said. It's also trimming overhead like selling, general and administrative expenses.

"The key is striking the right balance between volume growth and yield improvements," Smith said Tuesday night at the opening of a meeting with investors and lenders in Memphis, Tenn. "With slow economic growth, however, the cost reduction programs we will describe ... are also essential to achieve our financial goals."

FedEx will spell out more details of the plan during the meeting's second day. At the start of Wednesday's session, FedEx slightly reduced its growth outlook for the U.S. economy from just a month ago. It maintained its forecast for global growth. □



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second-largest package delivery company promised to boost profits by shedding jobs, aircraft and underused assets. FedEx plans to boost profit by \$1.7 billion within three years. The much anticipated restructuring is a response to a shift by customers to slower, less expensive means of delivery as the global economy struggles to grow. Founder and CEO Fred Smith said most of the cost cuts will come in the company's Express and Services units, which have been hurt the most by the glob-

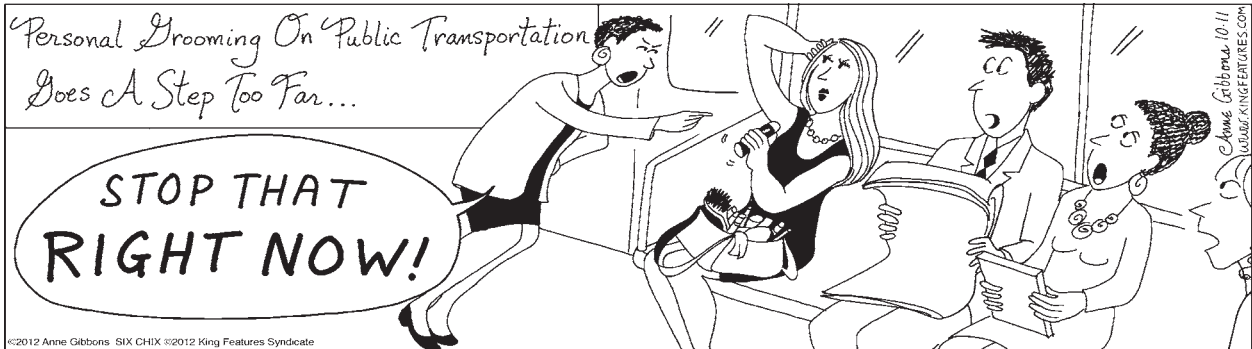
eral thousand people." A majority of those employees are in the U.S. Express is where FedEx got its start in 1971, and is still the company's biggest segment by far. The division moves 3.5 million packages on an average day, mostly by air. It's been hit hard as customers shift to slower delivery methods such as ground delivery and ocean shipping to conserve cash. Also, as technology products get lighter, FedEx charges less to ship them. Apple Inc.'s iPhone 5 is 17 percent lighter than the first generation model.



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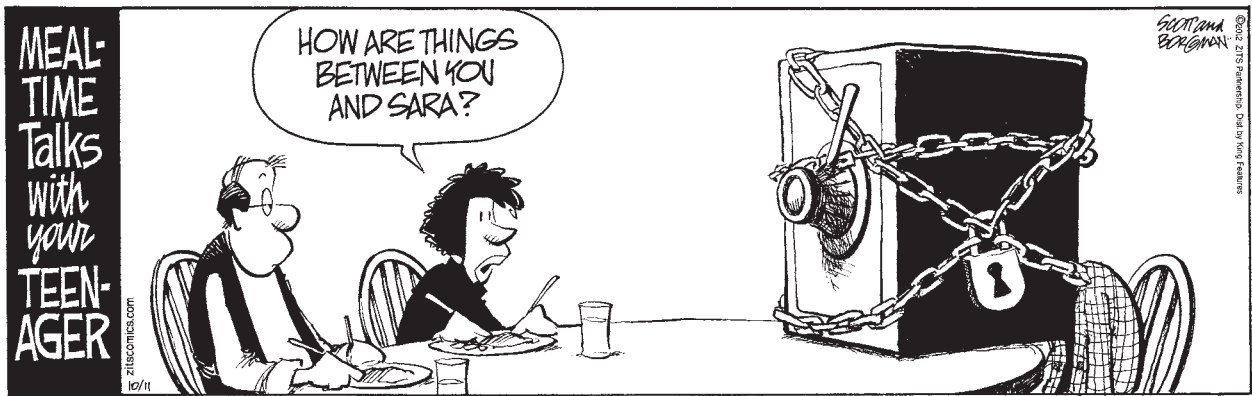
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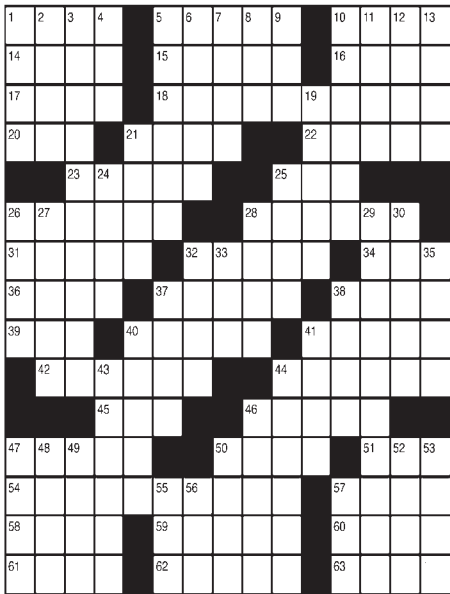
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- 20 Half and half
- 21 Weapons
- 22 First phase
- 23 Pass on, as information
- 25 Likely
- 26 Sandbars
- 28 Like formal wear
- 31 Quick
- 32 Celebration
- 34 Small amount
- 36 Wading bird
- 37 Dads
- 38 Lima's nation
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- 41 Sing in a monotone
- 42 Brutal dictator
- 44 Cheaply made
- 45 Find a sum
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- 47 "La Bohème" or "Tosca"
- 50 Downhill glider
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- 57 Be fond of
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- 59 Sun-dried brick
- 60 Heroic tale
- 61 Thin board
- 62 Actor Tyrone
- 63 "Say it \_\_ so!"

DOWN

- 1 Ring of light
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- 4 "If I \_\_ a Hammer"



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# Walter Johnson's daughter links Washington to its past

HILLEL KUTTLER

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**WASHINGTON** – A stranger recently telephoned Carolyn Thomas to ask how old she was when her father died. Twenty-three, she replied.

"Oh, you knew him!" the man, greatly impressed, responded.

Thomas could only laugh. For sports fans in this city, Thomas' father, Walter Johnson, remains royalty 85 years after his sidearm fastball last whizzed past a helpless batter and 66 years since his death. The Washington Senators' pitching ace, Johnson won 417 games, the second most in baseball history, and his 3,509 strikeouts stood as a major league record until 1983.

The Big Train, as he was known, retains numerous baseball career marks, with perhaps the most impressive being his throwing 110 shutouts and 531 complete games in 21 seasons, all with Washington.

Late in Johnson's career, the Senators brought home the capital's lone World Series championship. Johnson pitched the final four innings of the decisive seventh game in 1924, a 12-inning 4-3 victory over the New York Giants. His other two World Series wins came in 1925, when the Pittsburgh Pirates took the title in seven games.

Johnson's Senators played in the American League and later moved to Minnesota, and a second Senators team moved to Texas a decade later. Now, Washington is in the National League and its Nationals will play here Wednesday afternoon in Game 3 of their division series against St. Louis. It will be the first postseason baseball in this city in 79 years, and Johnson's daughter, now 89, is following along avidly.

The little girl turned great-grandmother represents one of the last direct connections to her father's life. Her only remaining sibling, Edwin, died at 94 in August.



**Carolyn Thomas, the daughter of Walter Johnson, the Washington Senators pitcher who won 417 games, holds pictures of her father at her home in Washington, Sept. 28, 2012. Now at the age of 89, Thomas is an avid follower of the Washington Nationals.**

According to the Baseball Hall of Fame, no one is alive now who played in the major leagues when Johnson pitched and managed.

Thomas watches many Nationals games on television and reads newspaper articles about the team, which relocated here from Montreal in 2005. A color photograph of rookie outfielder Bryce Harper graces her living room mantel, next to a stuffed-eagle doll in a Nationals uniform.

On a nearby bookshelf rests a baseball signed by the team's former first baseman Dmitri Young.

"You are the sweetest lady," Young wrote on it.

"Harper's exciting. He makes things happen. He's a little sparkplug," Thomas, with a twinkle in her eye, told a visitor one recent afternoon.

"Davey Johnson," she said of the Nationals' manager, "he's a baseball man. He knows the game."

Even while she touts members of today's team, one

Washington player rises above all: her famous father, who raised five children (a sixth died at age 2) after his wife, Hazel, succumbed to heatstroke in 1930. Thomas was just 7 years old then. Johnson also raised his late sister's two children, with help from his mother, Minnie, who moved here from Kansas.

"He was a good role model: not judgmental, pious, just a nice guy," said Thomas, a warm and attentive woman, who is also tall, like her father. "We just adored him."

The white clapboard house in which Thomas has lived since 1955 is a daughter's informal shrine to her father. Walking over to the bookshelf, she reaches behind the Young baseball to grasp a bronze statuette of her father. Both of the pitcher's hands are perched above his head as if preparing to uncoil into his famed, whiplike motion. In a nod to Washington baseball history, the Na-

tionals commissioned a Johnson statue, but Thomas hates it. So does her son and Johnson biographer, Henry Thomas, 66. They did not attend the 2009 ceremony at which it was unveiled alongside statues honoring Senators slugger Frank Howard and Negro Leagues star Josh Gibson. The Johnson statue, situated in a Nationals Park concourse and depicting the pitcher releasing the ball with multiple arms, should be done in "with an acetylene torch," said Henry Thomas, who was visiting on the day his mother was interviewed. He was not smiling.

The Nationals are making amends, though. They now plan to dedicate an 8-foot-tall Johnson monument. It is a replica of the one that President Harry S. Truman unveiled at Griffith Stadium, then the home of the Washington Senators, in June 1947, shortly after Johnson's death. The original monument now stands at the entrance to Walter Johnson High School in suburban Bethesda, Md. □

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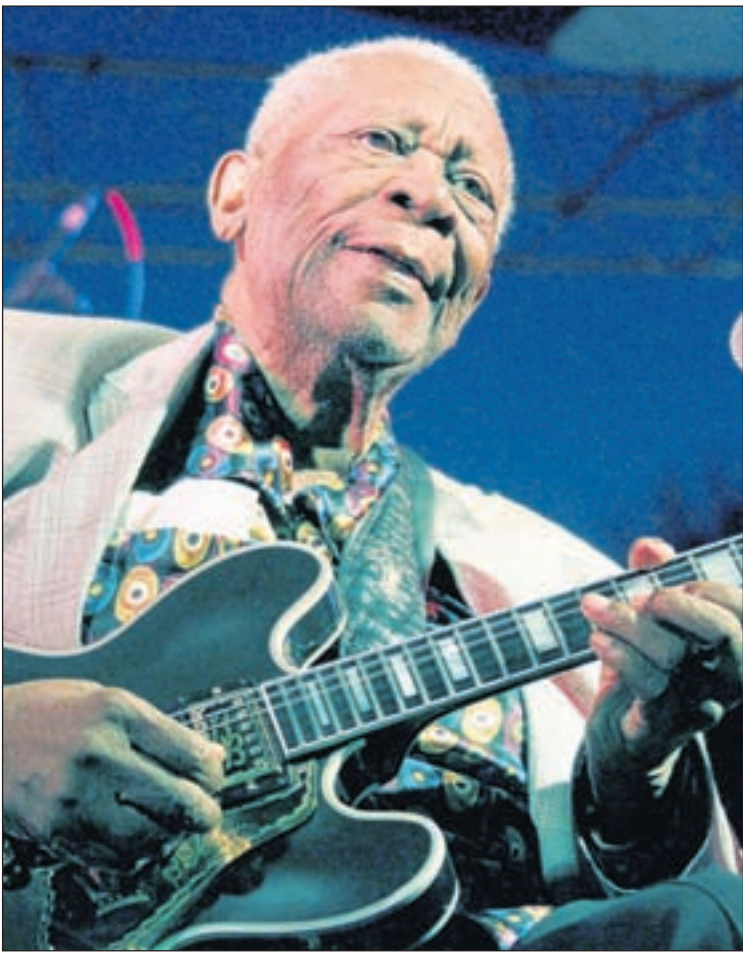
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In this Aug. 22, 2012 file photograph, an 86-year-old B.B. King performs at the 32nd annual B.B. King Homecoming, a concert on the grounds of an old cotton gin where he worked as a teenager many years ago, in Indianola, Miss.

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## APNewsBreak: Costello, more up for Songwriters

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AP Music Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Elvis Costello, B.B. King and Ray Davies are among the nominees for the 2013 Songwriters Hall of Fame.

They're joined by a slew of top acts, including Jimmy Buffett, Vince Gill and Rod Temperton, who wrote Michael Jackson's "Thriller," "Rock With You" and "Off the Wall."

Songwriters Hall gave The Associated Press a list of nominees in advance of the official announcement, set for Oct. 16. The gala takes place June 13 at the New York Marriott Marquis. Also nominated are Fleetwood Mac's Stevie Nicks, Lindsey Buckingham and Christine McVie, former Eurythmics bandmates Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart, Jeff Lynne, Steve Winwood, Aeronsmith's Steven Tyler and Joe Perry, Bobby Womack and Foreigner's Lou Gramm and Mick Jones, who said in an interview that he's excited to be highlighted as a song-

writer.

"It means a lot that those songs have been recognized, and maybe, hopefully a little part of history," Jones said of the band's hits, which include "I Want to Know What Love Is" and "Waiting for a Girl Like You."

Non-performing songwriters up for nomination include "Chain of Fools" songwriter Don Covay, country music songwriter Bobby Braddock and Holly Knight, who co-wrote Pat Benatar's "Love Is a Battlefield" and Tina Turner's "Better Be Good to Me." Linda Perry, the writer behind Christina Aguilera's "Beautiful," is also nominated alongside Bob McDill, Rick Nowels, Randy Goodrum, Tony Hatch and JD Souther. Writing duos Dennis Lambert and Brian Potter, and P.F. Sloan and Steve Barri will also compete.

Eligible voters can select two nominees from the list of songwriter-performers and three non-performing songwriters. Voting ends Dec. 17. □

## Debbie Reynolds hospitalized, cancels upcoming shows

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A publicist says Debbie Reynolds has been hospitalized and is canceling upcoming appearances after suffering an adverse reaction to medication. Reynolds' publicist Kevin Sasaki says the singer-actress was hospitalized in Los Angeles after having the bad reaction. She is canceling shows and appearances through the end of the year. Reynolds is famous for her role in "Singin' in the Rain" and earned an Oscar nomination for her gutsy character in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown." The 80-year-old



This Oct. 14, 2011 file photo shows actress Debbie Reynolds posing for a portrait in New York.

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performs numerous shows and makes appearances each year. She is scheduled to appear on a float promoting pet adoption in the upcoming Rose Parade.

Last year, Reynolds sold her collection of film memorabilia, including dresses worn by Marilyn Monroe and Audrey Hepburn, for nearly \$23 million. □

## Aussie actress Holt finds 'dream job' in Georgia



This Sept. 19, 2012 photo shows actress Claire Holt posing for a photo in New York. Holt is a cast member on "The Vampire Diaries," which premieres its fourth season on The CW Thursday, Oct. 11.

Associated Press

**ALICIA RANCILIO**

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Australian actress Claire Holt knew her career choice would take her to Hollywood, but the small town of Covington, Georgia, was a different story.

The 24-year-old is a cast member of "The Vampire Diaries," which films in Covington, about 45 miles outside Atlanta, most of the year. The show premieres its fourth season on The CW on Thursday.

"I didn't really think about a television show sending

me somewhere else," Holt said in a recent interview. "She was hired to appear in a few episodes early in the show's third season, but the role was expanded.

Filming runs from June to April. Holt describes getting used to the area and the intense humidity in the summer as "an adjustment," though she's now feeling more comfortable.

Holt also credits the cast and crew with making her feel welcome.

"They're really my friends," she said, "and that helped me feel more settled."

"The Vampire Diaries" stars Ian Somerhalder and Paul Wesley as vampire brothers who are both in love with the same girl, played by Nina Dobrev.

Holt plays Rebekah, a member of a founding family of vampires who longs to be a real teen. She badly wants to be accepted and lashes out if she feels rejected.

"It's something she craves," Holt said. "She really just wants to be liked. She wants people to want to be around her, and then she puts up the tough act and pretends she doesn't care but she does. She's just a girl, you know?"

Critics have praised the show for its high-production values and twists-and-turns. Holt says it's a "dream job." "It's amazing working on a show like this because it's always changing. We could do flashback episodes or huge stunt episodes. They're so ambitious and it really feels like I get to experience a lot as an actor."

The show airs in Australia but isn't as current as it is in the U.S. Holt says her mother watches each episode online the day after it airs, but her father doesn't grasp its detailed story lines. "I don't think my dad really gets it," she joked. □





In this April 2, 2012 file photo, Luke Bryan performs "Running with the Night" at ACM Presents: Lionel Richie and Friends in Concert in Las Vegas. Associated Press

## Luke Bryan leads American Country Awards nominees

**CHRIS TALBOTT**  
**AP Music Writer**

**NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)** — Luke Bryan just keeps getting hotter.

The rising country music star is the lead nominee for this year's American Country Awards with seven. He beat out established stars like Taylor Swift and Lady Antebellum in a field announced early Wednesday. Lady A and Zac Brown Band are next with six nominations apiece, while Swift and Eric Church took five

nods each for the third annual fan-voted awards.

Bryan, Swift, Lady A, Zac Brown Band and Jason Aldean are up for the night's top honor, artist of the year. Bryan also has nominations in the male artist, album, single and video of the year categories. Dierks Bentley's "Home," Church's "Chief," Lady A's "Own the Night" and Blake Shelton's "Red River Blue" join Bryan's "tailgates & tanlines" on the album of the year list. □

## After long absence, Joker's back to bedevil Batman



This comic book cover image released by DC Entertainment shows the Joker on the cover of "Batman" No. 13, released this week. The story, "Death of the Family," will cross numerous issues from now through February.

Associated Press

**MATT MOORE**  
**Associated Press**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — For a year the Joker's been out of sight, out of mind and out of trouble.

That changed Wednesday in the pages of "Batman" No. 13, when the clown prince of crime returned to Gotham with a mission to help Batman become a better man, even if it means going after everyone and everything that the Dark Knight and his alter ego, Bruce Wayne, hold

dear.

It's a big step for the Joker, who has been out of the picture since DC Comics relaunched its line of comics in September 2011. Up until now, the only time readers saw the jade-haired, white-skinned criminal was in the first pages of "Detective Comics," where he calmly, efficiently carved off his face and escaped from Arkham Asylum.

Since then, he's been quietly plotting, planning and scheming, writer Scott Snyder explained of the story titled "Death of a Family." "He is someone who has a mission this time," Snyder said of the villain, long one of DC's most notorious, and arguably Batman's greatest foe. "This is a story about how the Joker took a look at Gotham, Batman and the way things are working."

And what the Joker has seen and learned, he does not like.

"His point here is to say 'You have forsaken your kingdom, it is rotting beneath your feet,'" Snyder said of Joker's reasoning, adding that Joker is "here to save

you from yourself and to save Gotham" by making Wayne hold up his darkest fears to an uncompromising light.

But the Joker's way of helping involves mayhem, attempted murder and psychotic ramblings, all of which unfurl in "Batman" — drawn by Greg Capullo and Jonathan Glapion — and will do so through February in that title along with "Batgirl," "Catwoman," "Batman and Robin," "Detective Comics" and "Teen Titans," among others.

Snyder said it's not just Batman who will face the Joker's misguided wrath, but his friends, allies and those closest to him, including Robin, Batgirl and Catwoman.

"He's coming at them individually," Snyder said, but it's Batman whom Joker wants to help by stripping him of his distractions.

"It's meant to be a deeply psychologically terrifying story for Batman," said Snyder, who's been writing the book since its launch last year. "It's stripping the Dark Knight down so that he can be saved from himself." □

## Jack Kerouac's only play premieres in his hometown

**LINDSEY ANDERSON**  
**Associated Press**

**LOWELL, Massachusetts (AP)** — Jack Kerouac. Neal Cassady. Allen Ginsberg. Gregory Corso. The gang's all here.

The Beat Generation notables and their poetry-writing, conformity-defying antics come to life in the first production of Kerouac's only play.

"Beat Generation" captures a day in the life of Kerouac and his friends as they booze, bet and banter, occasionally reflecting on the turns their lives have taken and the changes their friendship faces after leaving behind life on the road.

"It's exactly what you imagine a play by Kerouac to be like," full of riffing, dia-

logue and beat poems, director Charles Towers says. Kerouac wrote "Beat Generation" in 1957, the same year his novel "On the Road" garnered him national recognition despite the book's controversial material. Though he was called the "King of the Beats," a title he disliked, the Beats never wanted to be a movement, Towers said.

"They wanted to hang out, do their writing and drop out," he said. "I imagine he said, 'All right, you want to see the Beat Generation? Here it is. This is us. This is us on a normal day.'"

The 1950s and 1960s literary movement emphasized individual freedom, spontaneity and improvisation in the era of consumerism



In this 1967 file photo, author Jack Kerouac is shown in Lowell, Mass. Kerouac's only full-length play will be staged for the first time this fall.

Associated Press

and conformity.

Worn-down, exhausted, blessed, as in beaten down, deadbeat and beatific, have been linked to the name's origins.

The staged reading began Wednesday and runs through Sunday at the Merrimack Repertory Theatre in Kerouac's red brick, blue collar hometown of Lowell. It includes props, costumes and a set, and the actors carry their scripts although they have rehearsed for four days. "They're kind of improvising it, which, actually given the nature of the material, is OK for me," Towers said in the theater lobby before a dress rehearsal. "If the actors are basically riding the riff, they'll be doing service to the words, to his writing." □



# The Policy Verdict I



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In Thursday night's debate, Vice President Joe Biden will almost certainly go after Rep. Paul Ryan's Medicare plan. And why shouldn't he? It's unpopular. But I'd like to make a case for that plan. It's the best thing the Romney-Ryan campaign has going for it.

First, let's define the problem. Today, Medicare costs about \$550 billion. By 2020, according to the Congressional Budget Office, it will cost more than \$1 trillion, sucking money away from every other government program.

According to the Urban Institute, the average couple in 2010 had paid \$109,000 in Medicare taxes during their working years but would be able to receive about \$343,000 in benefits. A chunk of that \$234,000 gap will be paid for by their grandkids. That should weigh on the conscience of every American over 55. You're supposed to help your grandkids, not take from them.

Basically, there are two ways to reduce Medicare inflation, through the political system or through a market system. Obamacare tries the former. The current budget projections are so bad because almost no one outside the employ of the president believes this approach will reduce Medicare costs. President Barack Obama's primary cost-control instrument is an independent board of experts that Mitt Romney mentioned often in last week's debate. It's supposed to lower payment levels.

There are problems. It's hard for a few people in Washington to centrally rejigger something that complex. Second, the board is not really out of political control. Congress has already restricted its power and has devised gimmicky ways to overrule an unpopular decision. (All decisions to restrict benefits are unpopular.)

The history of Medicare is strewn with efforts to control costs by controlling prices. The results are terrible. Providers just increase the number of services, redefine the classification of services or find other ways to get their money back. A study by the Congressional Budget Office found that, between 1997 and 2005, Medicare payments for individual treatments fell by 5 percent, but the total spent on these services skyrocketed by 35 percent. Doctors made up in volume what they lost in reimbursement levels.

The second approach is to replace the fee-for-service system with more normal market incentives. Give recipients a choice among insurance options and have providers compete to offer comprehensive coverage like today's Medicare.

This idea has been floating around for a while, and it used to be popular in parts of the Democratic Party until the party swung left. Sen. John Breaux, a Democrat, co-led a commission that promoted this idea in 1997. Bill Clinton floated a "managed competition" plan for Medicare late in his presidency. Democrat Alice Rivlin and Republican Pete Domenici have co-authored a premium support plan for the Bipartisan Policy Center.

Paul Ryan wrote his own version a few years ago and has come up with a more moderate version with Sen. Ron Wyden, a Democrat. Whenever you hear a Democrat say that Romney and Ryan would end Medicare or cost seniors \$6,000, that is a misleading reference to the original Ryan plan, not anything on offer today. Today's Romney plan would not shift costs to seniors.

Would a market-based approach reduce costs? There are some reasons to think so. A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that if Ryan-Wyden had been in place between 2006 and 2009, costs might have come down by around 9 percent with no reduction in benefits. Under a demonstration project in Denver in the 1990s, private plans bid 25 percent to 38 percent less than government-determined payment rates.

The Medicare drug benefit began in 2006 with a voucher approach. Costs have been about 30 percent below early estimates. A RAND Corp. study of consumer-directed high deductible plans found that when families had an incentive to monitor costs, they spent about 14 percent less.

Do these and other studies prove that market-based approaches would work? Absolutely not. In each case, the situation is complicated. Voucher plans may save money, but perhaps by shedding the sickest customers. There are serious health economists who scoff at market-based strategies. Others just don't know. The leader of the Congressional Budget Office, Doug Elmendorf, candidly admitted at a congressional hearing that his agency doesn't know how behavior would change under this sort of competition.

My bottom line is this: The status quo is cataclysmic. The national debt problem is a Medicare problem. The Democrats' price-control approach has little chance of working.

The Romney-Ryan approach might work. If it doesn't, the federal budget would suffer but seniors wouldn't. Today's seniors would be left untouched anyway, and tomorrow's would have the option of private plans or traditional Medicare. □



## At Long Last, Dignity?



FRANK BRUNI

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CAPE NEDDICK, Maine – If you live for 80 years, Chuck Bennett told me, you see things you never imagined. Crazy, fantastical stuff. A man on the moon. "Amazing," he said.

The Soviet Union's disintegration. "Also amazing."

And on Nov. 6, if the polls are right and his hope is fulfilled, the people of Maine may pass a referendum for same-sex marriage, which no state has adopted by popular vote before.

"That's equally amazing to me," he said. Ten minutes later, he circled back to say it again. "I would like to reiterate how amazing it is."

Bennett was born in 1932 and grew up in Brooklyn without anything but slurs and clinical terms to describe his attraction to other men. In the late 1950s, he was forced out of the Navy for being gay.

He never found a long-term romantic partner, thwarted in part by a disapproving society with no obvious role models for him, and he bought his dream house on the ocean here 15 years ago with two close friends, because he didn't want to grow old alone and didn't expect to meet anyone special, not so late in the game.

"You know that old saying, Born 50 years too soon?" he asked me. "I think I do feel something

of that."

Maine is one of four states with same-sex marriage on the ballot on Election Day, a crucial moment for advocates and opponents alike. The referendums are the first and best tests of popular sentiment since President Barack Obama's history-making statement of support in May. (For more on this, visit my blog.)

In Minnesota, the vote is on an amendment to the state constitution to ban same-sex marriage. But in Maine, Maryland and Washington, the vote is to permit it, and thus to join the six states where it's already legal, thanks to legislatures or courts.

Advocates are most optimistic about Maine, and I traveled here last weekend for a sense of what victory would mean to someone who'd known and braved a much different world. I found my way to Bennett, a courteous man with a soulful gaze and a precise way of speaking that reflects his long career in academia, first as a college English professor, then as a dean.

He recalled that during his teenage years, his only assurances that there were other people like him were newspaper stories about men arrested on Fire Island for "obscene" or "depraved" behavior.

For a while he dated women, but couldn't summon any real passion for them. He wasn't sure where that left him. Clearly, he wouldn't marry. But what about a relationship like that with a man? In his late 30s, he had one, and wanted it to go on forever. It lasted five years. Nothing like it ever came along again.

He felt the need to be secretive about his sexuality and kept work colleagues at a distance. His parents died without knowing he was gay.

Starting in the mid-1980s, he marveled at the proliferation of gay characters in movies and on TV. He later joined efforts to end the ban on gays in the military, giving money to the cause.

But when gay advocates started talking about marriage, he thought it nuts, partly because they were buying into such a flawed institution. But also, he said, "The likelihood of winning was so, so far-fetched."

One of his housemates, David Newman, 71, who is also gay, still has trouble understanding the way "I do" and gold bands became such an ardent, defining quest.

He spent a lifetime trying, out of painful necessity, not to be tormented by the straight world's norms, which excluded him.

"How can somebody like me, who has made a significant investment in inventing an alternative world, come around to accept gay marriage?" he asked, clarifying that he supports the referendum. It's just unsettling to him, this challenge to what he thought he was supposed to believe about such conventions.

For Bennett, the marriage focus of the Maine referendum is almost beside the real point, which is validation.

"I see it as something of profound significance," he said. "Whether anyone winds up getting married in Maine, I don't care. I care that they can get married." That right means that gay people are equal to straight people. It recognizes their dignity. His dignity. I asked him if the absence of such recognition during most of his life made him bitter.

"I was fortunate," he said, explaining that his family wasn't especially religious and his nature isn't self-punishing, so he never felt that being gay was some abomination. But it was certainly a limitation. A cause for hiding, or at least holding essential parts of himself in reserve.

"I'm inclined to look back not in anger, as John Osborne once said, but with some degree of sadness," he said. "Everyone could have been happier. Everyone could have been more fulfilled if they hadn't been burdened with this prejudice." □



# Los Angeles kosher: Beyond corned beef and a knish

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**LOS ANGELES** — As a child growing up in Southern California, I happily feasted on the carnitas that were a regular fixture at weekend cookouts and on special occasions. Marbled and succulent pork was braised slowly and shredded before being tucked into a corn tortilla. And I could not live without carne asada, delicious thinly sliced grilled steak. Oh, and nopales, prickly pear cactus leaves marinated in lime juice. Then I moved from Los Angeles to New York and started keeping kosher. Without exactly meaning to, I drastically altered my options for dining out, trading salsas and tamales for hummus and falafel, which I adore, and deli on rye, which I could live without. (Pardon the blasphemy.) After nearly a decade in New York, I returned to Los Angeles, where cultural influences had spilled over onto even the Orthodox Jewish community. Blessedly, that means I can have carnitas again without spending hours making them myself. A small caveat: pork, of course, is off

limits. But you would hardly know the difference when you taste the duck and beef combination.

New York may have a larger Jewish population, but the kosher options here seem far more exciting. There are barbacoa and artisan sausages, Persian stews and Thai delicacies. Keeping kosher does not mean eschewing the ethnic food we've seen only on television.

"A decade ago, maybe nobody would have been willing to try what I want to serve, but now you have people eating all kinds of things for the first time," said Katsuji Tanabe, a Mexico City-born chef who worked in kosher restaurants for nearly six years before opening Mexikosher last spring.

At first, the vast majority of his customers had never tasted a tamale or torta. Now, he's introduced them to even more offbeat tastes, like tacos suaderos and green enchiladas.

"I can tell when the New Yorkers are visiting because they come in, say, 'We're just looking,' and then go to the deli next door," he said. "The ones who talk to

local people almost always come back the next day." Pico Boulevard, one of the main arteries of the city, stretches through Koreatown before passing dozens of Salvadoran, Guatemalan and Oaxacan restaurants. The kosher corridor begins just a couple of miles west. You know you've arrived when the signs turn from Spanish to Farsi, the language spoken by thousands of Jews who emigrated from Iran.

Although most came decades ago, it was not until recently that restaurants opened featuring traditional Persian fare, catering to those of us who had never mastered the difference between baghali and zereshk (rice dishes distinguished by their spices). Now two such spots are doing brisk business, with people lining up for the freshly baked sangak, a whole-wheat sourdough flatbread used as an edible napkin-cum-utensil and dipped in hummus and a nondairy, yet yogurtlike sauce.

One of the places, Kabab Mahaleh, features a menu in Farsi (customers who need to see English have



**Green enchiladas prepared by Katsuji Tanabe, a chef who worked in kosher restaurants for nearly six years, at his restaurant, Mexikosher, in Los Angeles, Oct. 5, 2012. Visitors in Los Angeles looking to keep kosher can do so while also eating ethnic foods at restaurants like Mexikosher, a Los Angeles kosher and ethnic food oriented restaurant.**

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**Katsuji Tanabe, a chef who worked in kosher restaurants for nearly six years, prepares green enchiladas at his restaurant, Mexikosher, in Los Angeles, Oct. 5, 2012. Visitors in Los Angeles looking to keep kosher can do so while also eating ethnic foods at restaurants like Mexikosher, a Los Angeles kosher and ethnic food oriented restaurant.**

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to request a special menu or trust their instincts) and offers a choice of beef or chicken kebab, grilled steak or chicken on skewers. For those feeling more adventurous, perhaps the best dish is khorosht ghor-meh sabzi, a stew made with fenugreek and dried lemon, leeks, coriander and parsley. When asked if I would like lamb instead of beef, I happily said yes. The check for a meal I could only eat half of: \$12.

New York City has no shortage of high-end kosher restaurants, with cloth napkins and extensive wine lists, and the check for two is seldom less than \$100. Los Angeles kosher, on the other hand, is a much more casual affair, except for a few upscale steakhouses that have been around for decades to cater to the Hollywood-that-lunches set. Still, it's hard to complain when you have a choice of sushi, Thai, French, Israeli and Mexican in a five-block radius.

"Maybe food has finally hit a certain zeitgeist where

people realized how underserved the kosher market really was," said Elina Shatkin, an editor at Los Angeles Magazine and former restaurant critic for LA Weekly, who has seen the kosher corridor change significantly in the decade she's lived nearby. "For so long, the food was so blah and mediocre, I would never take friends there. Now I can say, 'Let me take you someplace where you can get something you can't find anywhere else.'"

Perhaps no one has capitalized on the demand better than Tanabe, son of a Japanese father and Mexican mother who came to Los Angeles as a teenager. For the last several months, he has catered to young couples who ask for cuisines they have only seen or heard about. Tanabe brings a specialty chef to his kitchen, where the cooking is overseen to comply with myriad kosher rules. So far, the kitchen has turned out Korean, Indian and Southern barbecue, with Vietnamese up next. □